TERRE HAUTE'S TORNADO

AND

FLOOD DISASTER

MARCH TWENTY-THIRD TO MARCH THIRTIETH

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN

CONTAINING A

GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF THE APPALLING EVENTS AS THEY TRANSPIRED
AND SHOWING VIEWS OF THE DESTRUCTION WROUGHT
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PREFACE

The dawn of the week of Easter, March 23, 1913, brought with it to Terre Haute a week of flood and storm devastation which will go down in history as this city's heaviest blow. To the south, a tornado, beginning at 10 o'clock on Easter night, laid waste to several hundred homes; claimed the lives of seventeen persons; resulted in the severe injury to more than 150 persons whose names are known, and probably more slightly injured scores of others and caused property damage in wrecked and demolished homes, variously estimated at between $1,500,000 and $2,000,000.

Long before the shock of this disaster had begun to wear away the north section of the city was inundated by the rise of the Wabash river, and at the same time Taylorville and West Terre Haute, across the river from Terre Haute, experienced the worst floods in their history. As this is written the village of Taylorville is nothing. Rigid quarantine has prevented the return of its residents to their homes. West Terre Haute, with hundreds of homes still showing the effects of the water which toppled many of them over, carried away furniture and caused one death, is rapidly recovering.

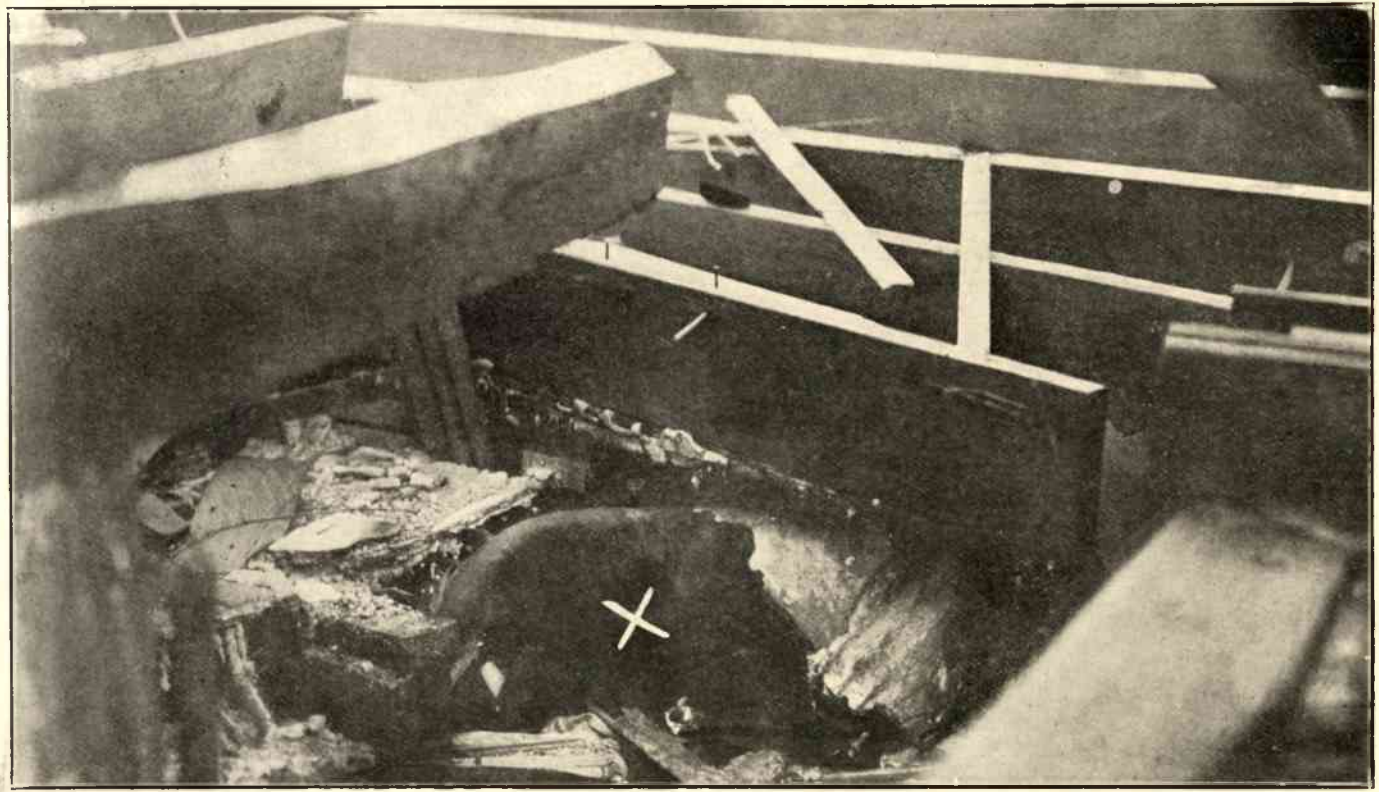
A visit to the section of the city devastated by the tornado presents a scene which will live long in the memory of the average Terre Hautean, and longer in the memory of those who suffered from its violence but escaped with their lives. Beginning a few miles north of Prairieton, it traveled in a northeasterly direction, leaving a trail of death and damage in a path four blocks wide. Gardentown, home of tillers of the soil, and noted for its many greenhouses, is laid low. Twenty greenhouses, at least, were swept into bits. Onward the tornado swept. Homes were crushed as though they were made of paper. The big Root glass factory was wrecked. The depot of the Chicago, Terre Haute and Southeastern railway, a brick structure, was razed.

But the eyesore of all is the long stretch of ruined homes. Families were tossed from their beds and from beside their fireplaces and separated, none being able in many cases to learn for hours whether or not their loved ones still lived, or lay beneath the ruins of what was once called home. Big houses and small, brick structures and frames, all were alike in the grasp of the powerful wind which showed no mercy as it tore its deadly path across the city. Dazed, Terre Haute at once began the work of rescue and resusitation. Before

this work had hardly begun the Wabash river began its rise which was not destined to stop until all previous records had been broken.

Slowly and then more rapidly the waters rose. Taylorville was soon inundated, and its inhabitants became charges of the charitable citizens of Terre Haute. Into the north end residence section of the city swept the flood. One hundred homes were under water, many to their eaves. Houses were tossed about in the waves and carried for blocks before being set down in new locations by the waters. Relief stations for sufferers of both flood and tornado sprung up in many sections of the city, and those who had more than they needed gave cheerfully and without invitation to those who were deprived of what little they had by the raging of the elements.

Easter dawned cloudy; for a short time in the afternoon the sun peeped from behind dark clouds, rain followed and darkness brought the tornado. Then came the flood, and now the reconstruction. Pictures, or first hand visits, alone can tell the true tale of the devastation of the elements. For those who through lack of opportunity are denied the latter, this book attempts to supply the former. It's purpose is not to commercialize disaster, but to provide a lasting memento.



VIEW OF SECTION OF TULLY HOME ON WASHINGTON AVENUE IN TORNADO DISTRICT
X SHOWS WHERE BODY OF MISS ELIZABETH TULLY WAS FOUND

TOLL OF THE TORNADO

LIST OF DEAD.

WM. MATHERLEY, 75 years old, Gardentown; head crushed and probably killed instantly.

MRS. JESSE GRIFFITH, 40 years old, Gardentown; head crushed and probably killed instantly.

DR. MOHLON W. MOORE, 63 years old.

ELIZABETH TULLY, 54 years old.

ALEXANDER ROGERS, 50 years old; janitor Voorhees school, lived at Second and Preston streets; body found at Third and Voorhees streets.

IDA DAVIS, 27 years old; lived on Prairieton avenue.

CHANDES EDWARDS, 8 years old; son of E. J. Edwards, druggist near Greenwood school.

MOSES CARTER, 38 years old; cobbler, Third and Voorhees streets.

MRS. CLARA KING, 19 years old; lived at Third and Greenwood streets.

HELEN F. KING, infant daughter of Mrs. Clara King.

JAMES BROWN, 57 years old; lived on Lockport road.

ALBERT KALLBREIER, 35 years old; home in Evansville, Ind., body found in Root Glass Co's factory.

JESSE GRIFFITH, 55 years old; died at Union hospital, March 24.

JOHN E. MYERS, 18 years old; was waiting for train at C. T. H. & S. R. R. station, died at St. Anthony's hospital, March 24.

BRYAN L. HOUTS, 5 years old; son of Jos. C. Houts.

JOS. C. HOUTS, 38 years old; lived at 10½ street and Lockport avenue.

OTIS LAXTON, 11 years old; died at Union hospital, March 29.

LIST OF INJURED.

E. S. Carney, 2719 Dillman street; injured on the shoulder, leg and head.

Tommy Carney, 7 years old, 2719 Dillman street; hurt seriously about the head.

Harry Carney, 11 years old; three ribs broken.

William Giffin, 2503 South Fourth street; injured on shoulders, thigh, head and face.

James E. Cummings, 2604 Arleth street; head cut and shoulders injured.

J. Parker, 2703 Arleth street; arm hurt slightly.

Joseph Heidenreich, Twenty-first street and Lockport Road; foot badly mashed.

James Wells, 2615 Arieth street; hand and face cut and injured internally.

James Chadwick; hurt badly around head and back.

Roy Houts, 1817 South Tenth and One-half street; head badly hurt.

William Toulson of Newark, O., boarder at 1901 South Tenth and One-half street; bruised badly about the body.

Fred Hausman, 315 Lockport avenue; leg broken and bruised.

Charles Kischenor, 2729 Thompson street; arm and back hurt.

Mrs. Lottie Heidenreich, 301 Lockport Road; broken arm and bruises.

Sadie Marie Cartwright, 6 years old; arm and hand hurt.

Mrs. William Hillhouse, 1901 South Tenth and One-half street; hips and legs hurt. Her infant child is missing.

Julia Cartwright, 11 years old, 2634 Arleth street; arm and leg broken.

Alex Heidenreich, 301 Lockport Road; hand and back bruised.

Morris Heidenreich, 301 Lockport Road; dislocated shoulder and hurt around the head.

Earl Elliott, 2604 South Second street; arm and ribs injured.

Wick Peters, 1901 South Tenth and One-half street; chest crushed and gash under chin.

Walter Morton, Brownstown, Ill., boarder at 1509 Washington avenue; hips, shoulder and right leg injured.

Harry Hyatt, 2535 South Fourth street; hip bruised.

Mrs. H. H. Winslow; body bruised and ribs fractured.

Mary M. Giffin, 2508 South Fourth street; fractured ribs and back injured.

Mrs. Bessie Brewer, 2711 Thompson street; broken arm.

Mrs. George Scharum, Shelburn, Ind., who was visiting on South Eleventh street; leg broken, chest crushed and head hurt.

Mrs. Ella Kuss, 1901 South Tenth and One-half street; back, hips and breast injured.

Mrs. Josephine Wells, 2613 Arleth street; breast, shoulder, leg and back injured.

Mrs. Elvira Strongren, 2111 South Sixth street; fractures around the head. Baby of a few days escaped with a few scratches.

Mrs. Anna Carlberg, 2111 South Sixth street; bruised.

Margaret Strongren, 2111 South Sixth street; bruised.

Mrs. Anna Carter, 26, Brandenburg, Ky.; bruises and general contusions.

Mrs. George Griffith, 31, general contusions.

LIST OF INJURED—Continued.

Infant Griffith, 9 months old; slight contusions.

Claude Orman, 55, colored, Gardentown; cuts and bruises about the head.

Edward Griffith, 28, R. R. 3, Gardentown; slight injuries.

Edward Sharum, 34, 1820 South Eleventh street; dislocated shoulder.

Erwin House, 47, 2035 Putnam; injuries to back and general contusions.

Jeff Bolinger, 50, Gardentown, R. R. 1; compound fracture of leg.

Richard Hausman, 9, Lockport; injury to hand; dismissed from hospital yesterday.

Maud Griffith, 5; slight injuries.

Bert Compton; cut above eye and other minor injuries.

Otis Laxton, 11; severely lacerated thigh and pneumonia due to exposure.

Charles Matherly, 45, R. R. 1; facture of collar bone.

Mrs. M. F. Hanning, 51, 2011 South Seventh street; many cuts and bruises.

Amber Rose, 4, daughter of Mrs. Lee Rose; lacerations.

Mrs. Lee Rose, 35, Carmi, Ill.; general contusions and lacerations.

Dr. F. A. Hanning, 25, 2011 South Seventh street; face and head bruised.

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 1913.

With twenty persons dead, more than 150 injured, some of them so badly that little hope is held out for their recovery; with a trail of shattered homes fully four blocks wide, from the Wabash river, just above Prairieton, northeast to the open fields east of Twenty-fifth street; with many hundreds homeless and a relief fund of several thousands dollars already made up, Terre Haute only late Monday fully realized the extent of the disastrous tornado which swept over this city as Easter was waning.

With a velocity estimated at more than 100 miles an hour, the tornado swept over the south part of the city with a roar like an express train. Houses, large and small, of brick and of wood, were picked up like straws, whirled about and dropped in thousands of pieces. Whole families were hurled into the streets and fields and covered with debris, suffering injury. Through it all a heavy thunderstorm and downpour of rain added to the terrors and the discomforts of the stricken citizens.

The walls of the Root glass plant were standing in places, but the greater part of the buildings, the offices and shanties in the yards were demolished. The storm seemed to be at its worst here.

Electric Wires Start Fires.

After wires had been torn down at Gardentown, southwest beyond the city limits, the homes were wrecked and live wires set fire to the buildings. The power was finally shut off to enable the rescue parties to work without danger from the live wires. The scene for a long distance was lighted by the burning homes. The settlement was completely devastated with the exception of the homes of William Pollitt and William Perkins. The Deming and Ippen homes were leveled to the ground.

The Greenwood school, which was in the path of the storm, escaped with the loss of all of the windows. Many of the homeless ones sought refuge in the building with such of their belongings as they had been able to snatch in their hurried departure from their homes.

Rescuers Hampered.

Danger of live wires made the rescue work of physicians and helpers dangerous and hampered the task of getting the dead and injured from their wrecked homes. A temporary hospital was made of the Third United Brethren church at Third and Grant streets, the north edge of the devastation of the storm.

The path of the storm is easily traced by the line of wrecked homes. Beginning on the east bank of the river west of Gardentown, the cyclone swept east and north, devastating the entire section south of Voorhees street and immediately east from Root's glass works.

Two Hundred and Fifty Houses Down.

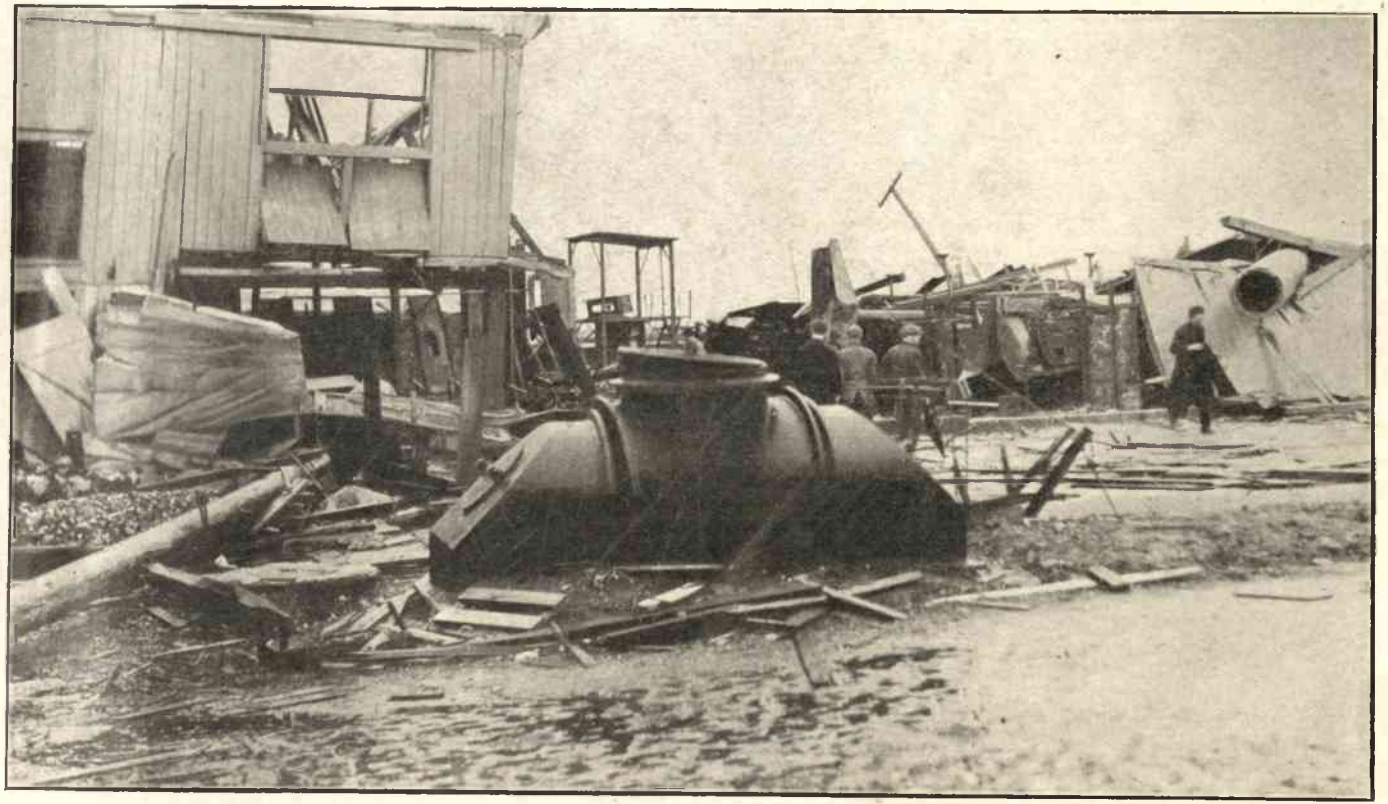
It is estimated that at least 250 homes inside the city limits were destroyed or badly damaged.

The Root glass factory, the Hulman street station of the Southern Indiana, the Gartland foundry and L. H. Mahan hot house were among the larger establishments that were wrecked.

In many places fire broke out, adding to the work of destruction done by the cyclone.

News spread rapidly that the worst disaster that had ever visited Terre Haute had taken place.

VIEW OF RUINS OF TULLY RESIDENCE ON WASHINGTON AVENUE IN TORNADO DISTRICT



VIEW OF THE DAMAGE DONE AT THE ROOT GLASS FACTORY
IN TORNADO DISTRICT

Many of the dead and injured were taken from the wreckage of their homes, which the terrific wind crushed down upon them with a second's warning. Large and heavily constructed buildings were destroyed in an instant.

The entire fire department was called out under the supposition that the Root glass factory was burning, but fire was the smallest item in the awful disaster that took place.

Many electric wires, both telegraph and telephone, lay in the streets and greatly hindered the work of the firemen. The rescuers worked among these live wires at great risk to themselves, and this fact, added to the pouring rain, greatly hampered the work of rescue parties.

The storm center was the district bounded on the north by the 2000 block, on the south by Margaret avenue, on the east by Twenty-fifth street and on the west by the river.

Between Thirteenth and Twenty-third streets and Hulman and Washington streets, Sergeant Allen reported forty houses demolished.

Doctors Busy at Hospitals.

Drs. Frisz, Spigler, Yung, Kunkler, Ulmer, Carpenter, Miller, Alexander, Shaley, Van Cleve, Duenweg, Sellers, Johnson and Elliott were called to St. Anthony's hospital to care for the injured.

Factory Laid Low.

The glass factory was laid low and scattered broadcast by the tornado. Only one stack remained standing after the terrific blow had passed. At the Gartland foundry every window was blown out and the east part of the factory leveled. At the Greenwood school every window was blown out, but the building itself seemed otherwise not damaged.

Charles Chadwick, a six-year- old boy, owes his escape to the fact that he left home in the absence of his parents to go to a moving picture show. He was found walking along South Fifth street after the blow, but his home could not be found, it having been blown away.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred King and their child were caught under their home, when it fell in upon them. Mrs. King and the baby were killed outright and the husband died on the way to the hospital. A big concrete house at Third and Voorhees streets was unroofed. The house is owned by Harry Stewart, and there were 18 boarders in the house when the storm struck. The roof was carried away and the partition remained standing. No one was hurt.

Stops to Extinguish Blaze.

Mrs. Sarah Mason and Miss Rose Mason were able to crawl out of their house after it had collapsed upon them. They were only slightly hurt. At the home of Mrs. John Wade, who was alone with her baby, fire started from the overturning of an oil lamp. Mrs. Wade turned back long enough to put out the flames before leaving the place. Paul Olson, 2106 South Sixth street, was on the second floor of the house when the wind picked it up and carried it away. He fell two stories into the basement, cutting off his ear in the descent.

In Krumbhaar place at least 100 houses were laid low or badly damaged. Police were early on the scene to help in clearing away ruins and preventing thievery, some of which had been reported earlier in the day.

Fire Alarm Delayed.

The nearest telephone communication to the district threatened in fire was Ury's pharmacy, Third and Washing-

ton avenue. It was fully an hour before the fire alarms were answered from calls at this point. One woman, with a five-day old baby, was carried in a house half dead from fright and exposure. She was attended by a nurse who worked among the rescuers until 2 o'clock.

Among the first found was Mrs. Frank King and baby and Moses Carter. Both of the adults were dead, but the baby lived for a short time. Much of the danger of rescue came from live wires that were strewn around, making rescue nearly impossible. The storm path was the same as one some twelve or fifteen years ago that destroyed many homes, but did not injure any one. The home of Freel Christy, south of Voorhees on Third street, was completely destroyed and the family was only saved from probable death by being absent.

Seven houses owned by Fred Housman, including the one he lived in, on the Lockport road south of Idaho street, were swept away completely. Five wrecked autos stand in the street. Number nine fire house was struck at the rear end by the storm and a part of it torn away. Between Hulman and Voorhees streets on South Eighth there is complete devastation. Fully twenty-five houses were leveled to the ground in this stretch. Houses at 1803, 1805 and 1807 South Eighth street were swept away in their entirety. On the Lockport road south of Idaho at least sixteen houses were swept to the ground, but the total number of injuries were few and there were no fatalities in this immediate neighborhood.

Bodies Lay in Ruins.

The unconscious body of Mrs. Flora Wood, of 2424 South Third street, was found by the rescue party seven feet from her home, her small baby clasped in her arms. They were cared for at the Third United Brethren church and later removed to St. Anthony's hospital.

Firemen and police officers, braving the danger of live wires, had already rescued the bodies of Moses Carter and wife, who lived immediately south of Voorhees street and the intersection of Third street. Their bodies were found beneath the roof of their own home. The mangled body of their small child was found fifteen feet away under a pile of bed clothes. The child was given medical attention at the Greenwood school building and later moved to St. Anthony's hospital.

The day old babe of Mrs. Leonard Sloan, 309 Voorhees street, lay in one corner of the bedroom, while the mother lay in another corner. The entire top of the house was blown away. Alexander ("Dad") Rogers, superintendent of the United Brethern Sunday school, was buried beneath the walls of his home. He died while being carried to the school house.

A large stone boarding house conducted by Mrs. Catherine Loudon, Third and Voorhees streets, was completely wrecked and the aged woman and her son, Ralph Loudon, were severely injured.

Buildings Take Fire.

The area from Third to Fifth street on Voorhees presented a scene of leveled houses. A freight car was pressed into service as a temporary medical quarters when the patrol wagons with police and fire wagons arrived on the scene. The live wires and burning debris made it impossible for the ambulances to reach nearer than two blocks of the scene and the bodies had to be carried to safety.

Six fires broke out in different parts of the devastated district while the rescue work was being carried on. The strong winds still blowing fanned the flames and drove the rescuers from their task. By special efforts the box cars containing the injured were kept from being fired.

HOME OF W. C. LOOSE, 2507 SOUTH THIRD STREET. NO ONE INJURED, BUT FAMILY WERE IN THE HOUSE WHEN TORNADO STRUCK

The homes of William Stevens and Mrs. Carlson, east on Voorhees street, were among those wrecked. The Kriescher and Warfield saloons on Third street were demolished. The church on the opposite corner was wrecked. William Honkins was found buried beneath the walls of his residence at Fourth and Voorhees streets, and a search was begun for his wife and child, who were not found by the early rescue party.

The feed mill and power plant at the intersection of Third and Voorhees streets was one of the first buildings to catch fire and the blaze from the building furnished light by which the rescue parties continued their tasks.

Internes and staff physicians of St. Anthony's hospital, with hurrying sisters of mercy, waited on the wounded, as they were placed in all of the available rooms and lay in the corridors on bed clothing taken from their homes. As soon as the catastrophe became known every physician on the staff of St. Anthony's was on hand for duty. One man whose leg had been cut off was wheeled from the operating room and his place taken by another whose arm had to be amputated. Moans and stifled cries came from all directions.

The agony of the sufferers was increased by the uncertainty as to the fate and condition of their families and friends. Families were scattered in various parts of the hospital.

Cries for Family.

"My name is Toulson. Where is my wife and baby?" cried one man. Little children, lying in bandages about the hospital, cried out in pain and fright. One little fellow with a big gash over his eye cried out for his mother as he was taken to the operating room. His father sat near him and tried to lend what comfort was possible. A little girl in one of the large rooms of the hospital played and laughed on her bed, while three anxious physicians worked with her sister nearby. A compound fracture of the leg and a dislocated shoulder were the injuries of the sister.

Friends and relatives of citizens of the storm devasted region soon crowded the halls of the hospital anxiously inquiring if those dear to them were among the victims. Many learned of the whereabouts of relatives or friends in certain rooms of the hospital and crowded in to see them when this was possible, expressing joy that they had escaped from death beneath the falling walls and timbers of their homes. Cotton and blood covered the floors of the operating room. One man when lifted to the operating table was found to be dead.

Numerous joyful reunions were held in a few hours after the rescued parties began to get about and found other members of the families safe or but slightly injured. Cries of joy mingled with the bitter groans of those less fortunate.

Baby Blown Out Window.

One joyous reunion was that of William Loose, an aged citizen of the storm area, and his son Charles. The old man was found seated near the ruins of his home.

"I don't know whether all of my family is safe or not," he said. "All I can remember is the awful sound and the caving in of the roof. At this stage his son came running up and clapsed the aged father about the neck.

Among the strange vagaries of the wind was the case of a baby sleeping with its mother in a South Center street household. The babe was blown through an open window into the yard but escaped with a slight cut on the thigh. Citizens of the homes near the scene of the storm remained awake after the worst was over. Lights were burning and those who did

not join the rescue parties were anxiously pacing their own homes.

The body of Mrs. Fred King and her baby were placed in one casket after the arival of the ambulance. The same ambulance carried away the body of Mrs. Courtner, found near the same place. Remarkable escapes were made in the 2400 block on South Third street, none of the residents of the square being seriously injured. Mr. and Mrs. George Carmichael, 2406 South Third street, escaped from their home as it was blown away by the wind. Four mules in a barn escaped injury when the building was blown away from their heads. They belonged to John and Carl Carmichael.

Joseph Trueblood and another family on Voorhees street were able to save only a little bed clothing from their burning homes, and they carried these into a box car to spend the remainder of the terrible night.

Many Lucky Escapes.

Many peculiar instances and lucky escapes marked the progress of the storm eastward. The home of G. G. Morris 2115 South Sixth and One-half street, was unroofed but they escaped injury. W. A. Bond and Mrs. Bond, 2121 South Sixth and One-half street, were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chaney, 1107 South Seventh street. The Chaneys only last week moved from a house at 2100 South Sixth and One-half street. This house was demolished by the wind and the home of the Bonds was also laid low. At the home of J. H. Snyder, 2130 South Sixth and One-half street, Dr. and Mrs. Wilcox were visiting. All were in the sitting room. The storm threw Mr. Snyder through the window. He was unhurt. Every room in the house was wrecked but that in which the two families were sitting. This was left intact and all escaped hurts.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clifton were not at home when the storm demolished their house.

Krumbhaar Place Ruined.

Krumbhaar Place, the new sub-division recently opened on the south edge of the city, was right in the path of the storm. Here homes were razed to the ground, only walls were left standing of many and it was generally feared that there may be dead among the ruins of the homes. Citizens who escaped, organized relief crews early Monday and a search was instituted for the residents who had not been located since the storm last night.

Captain B. E. Stahl, of the Light House Mission, reached the scene of the storm damage early in the day. He said the Mission was prepared to house at least 150 of those made homeless by the storm.

W. R. Cade, of the weather bureau visited the scene. He said the extent of the storm was worse than any shown in pictures which he uses in lecturing on the destructiveness of tornadoes.

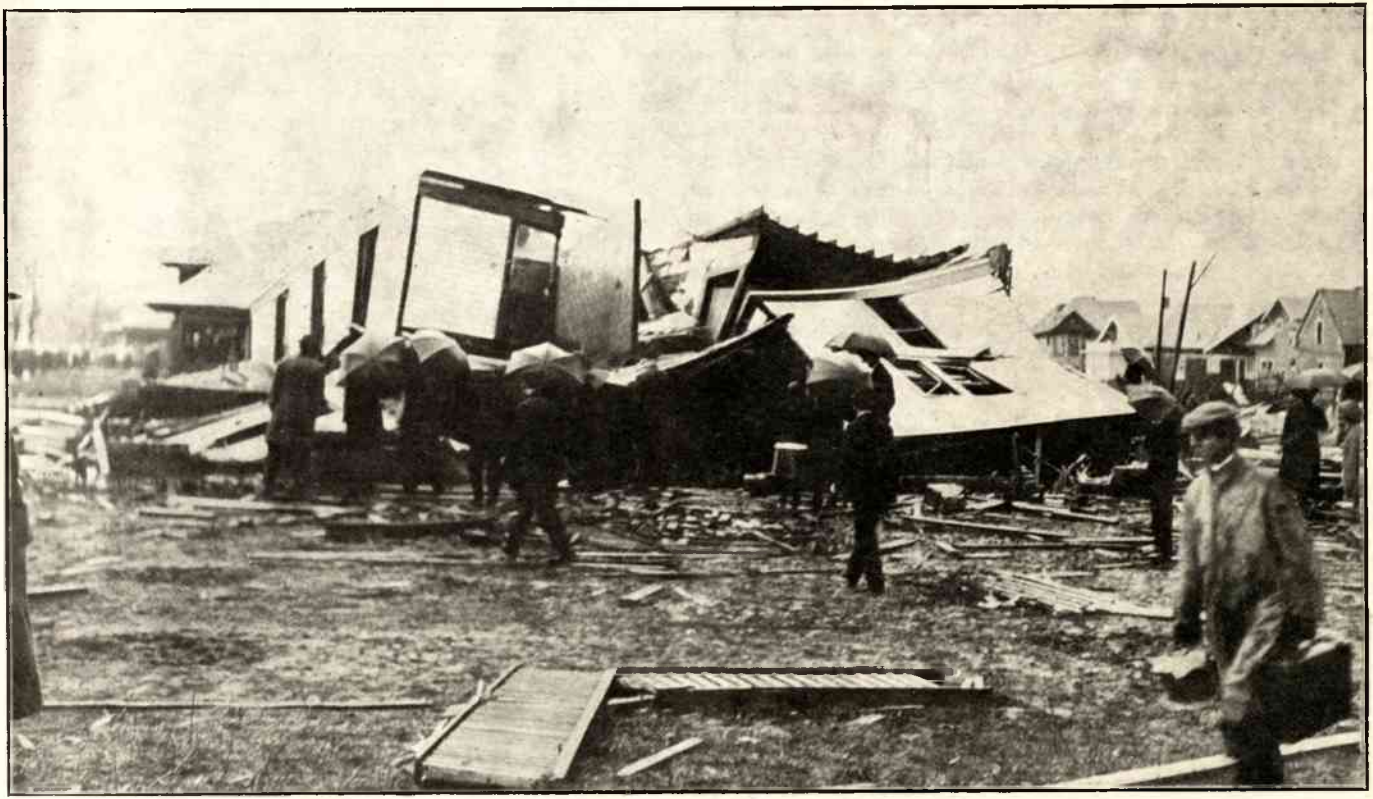
Traffic Officer Jones found a thirty-second degree Mason pin, set with a diamond, in the wreck of one of the houses on South Center street.

Coffee and Meals.

Members of the council anounced that funds would be provided for relief stations at both the Greenwood and Fairbanks schools. Coffee and meals were served at noon at both places and fifty cots were ordered for the school for the night.

At the meeting of the council this afternoon the relief work will be turned over to a citizens' committee consisting of A. Herz, Spencer Ball, S. C. McKeen and other citizens.

Captain Trites of the Volunteers and Captain Stahl of the



RUINS OF OLSON RESIDENCE ON SOUTH SIXTH STREET
IN TORNADO DISTRICT

Light House Mission loaned valuable asssitance Sunday night and Monday, and did much to direct the relief work.

Like Sheet of Water.

The conductor of the South Third street car, which got caught in the tornado, said that the wind seemed to bring a sheet of water, which made it impossible to see as far as the sidewalk from the car, and then the blast came with terrible fury.

One of the boarders caught in the Louden boarding house, said that six of the men congregated in one room when the force of the storm shook the house. This one room was all that was left of the place, all of the other rooms being razed.

Frank Lennox and his wife and children escaped in their night clothes. One of the smaller children was struck by a flying brick and badly injured. The Lennox home at 2307 South Seventh street was nearly totally destroyed.

The big house belonging to Fred Strang at 2103 South Seventh street, was laid waste. The home of Mr. Strang's mother, next door north, was badly damaged. Mrs. Strang, who was staying with her mother-in-law in the absence of her husband, fell as she was going down stairs with her baby and was slightly hurt. The home of Roland Dronberger, in the 1800 block on South Center street, was demolished, and all the windows were blown out of the home of John O'Brien, in the same block.

Heaviest Losers.

Among the residents of Gardentown, six miles south of the city, who suffered in the disaster are the following well known residents of that place whose homes were nearly completely destroyed:

William Perkins, Frank Deming, Arthur Pollitt, Anton Meyer, John Perkins, Will Walker, Henry Ippen, John West and John Durham. The storm played havoc with the numerous glass hot houses on the farms and gardens there.

Horse in Cellar.

The house and barn at 1906 South Ninth street were entirely demolished. One peculiar feature was the fact that a horse was found in the cellar of the house, uninjured.

Noble Fox, the young Wiley high school athlete, living at 2004 South Eighth street, was injured on the head by a brick from a chimney, which fell through the house.

The street cars run only as far as Hulman and Seventh streets, owing to the blockade of household goods taken from the wrecked houses.

The garage between South Center and Seventh streets is a complete wreck. About one-half dozen automobiles, the only ones in the garage, are all wrecked.

Mrs. F. F. Winslow, living at 2120 South Seventh street, sustained serious injuries on her head and body. Her home was completely wrecked. Mrs. Winslow ran out of the house just before the roof fell in. She was taken to 2140 South Seventh street, where her wounds were dressed. The room in which Mrs. Winslow spent the night was the only one in the house not completely demolished.

Side of Block Razed.

The entire east side of the 2000 block on South Seventh street is entirely swept away. On the west side of the block there is remaining one house, which is a mere shell, with roof blown off and all of the windows out.

In the 2000 block South Center street, west side, five houses

were completely demolished and those left have the roofs blown off and the windows all out.

There was little damage south of the 2100 block on South Center street. From there the tornado took a northeastern course to Minshall street.

Doctors to Prairieton.

Dr. Clarence Williams and Dr. John H. Hewitt of the Union hospital staff were among the earliest of the rescuers in the Prairieton road district. They went down in Dr. Hewitt's automobile and succeeded in rescuing a number, including one small boy whose leg was badly gashed.

Attorneys Felix Blankenbaker and Carson Hamill and Bert Shea, who were early on the scene on the Prairieton road walked back to their residences that their machines might be used for bringing in the injured. Seven victims of the storm were taken in their automobiles to the Union hospital. The attorneys, with Drs. Hewitt and Williams, were active in the rescue work.

A pathetic scene was enacted at the Ryan undertaking office when relatives of Mrs. Clara King, 19-year-old wife of Fred King, Third and Greenwood streets, and her small child, appeared to make arrangements for the double funeral. The husband was in the hospital so seriously wounded the physicians had not told him of the double loss. Helen Frances King, the babe, is one and one-half years old.

"This is a sad day for us," sobbed one of the sisters, trying bravely to keep back the tears. "We have lost our sister and our little niece whom we loved so well."

The home and all of the contents were destroyed and it was necessary for the sisters to purchase new clothes for the burial.

Miss Hannah Oakley, acting secretary of the Society for Organizing Charity, left her office early Monday morning and established her headquarters in the Greenwood school, where she assisted in caring for the destitute victims of the storm.

Damage Enormous.

At the home of J. V. Dix, 2031 South Center street, there were four persons. Mrs. Dix was hurt by falling timbers when the tornado moved the house fifteen feet. The others escaped injury.

The homes of Julius Voges, W. D. Hartsook, Mrs. Julia Sullivan, Harry Gilbert, Raymond Kintz and W. D. Mattox were unroofed or destroyed. At the Hartsook home new furniture had been placed in the house, the family just preparing to move in. The furniture was badly damaged. The home of W. C. Loose at 2507 South Third street, was demolished. The home of Mrs. Ottenberg, next door, also was blown down, and Miss Carrie Ottenberg injured. At the home of the Kings, where wife, father and daughter were killed, great damage was wrought. Mr. King was found buried under a pile of debris. The bodies of Mrs. King and the baby were found fifty feet away from the house, having been thrown up against a telephone pole.

The house of Mrs. Leo Dunham was moved fifteen feet on its foundations, the roof carried off, but no one was hurt. Three persons in the home of L. W. Bailey, 2000 South Center, held to the big table during the blow and escaped. Mr. Bailey was hurt, as was Mrs. Bailey. A setting hen in the basement was still on the nest at daylight, and a dog lay peacefully sleeping after the storm had passed.

VIEW ON SOUTH FIFTH STREET
IN PATH OF TORNADO

The saloon of William Krieschner, in the 2000 block on South Third street, was operating Monday, although the roof was off the building and all the windows were out. All through this territory the storm did enormous damage and laid scores of houses waste.

At the home of A. G. Slemmons on South Sixth street, the wind blew a feather bed tick for a distance of half a block. A lace curtain was driven through a pane of glass and the cracked glass closed on the curtain holding it fast.

Frank Lennox and family had an almost miraculous escape. Just as Lennox and his wife and children fled from the building the walls collapsed. One of the children, a little girl was slightly injured.

Among the other homes demolished on South Third near Voorhees, were those of Herschell Flagg, George Lentz, Mrs. F. A. Stouts and J. A. Swanson. The roof of the Third U. B. church was taken away and the walls of the frame building were badly damaged. Calvin Spark was asleep in his bed and a window sash blew in, striking him on the nose and fracturing the organ.

Railroads Hurt.

A smoke stack on the Southern Indiana roundhouse was blown down and Joe Farmer, a stationary engineer, suffered several gashes about his head. Benton Willie, night boilermakers' helper, had an eye badly cut and may lose it.

The yard clerk's office was blown over and J. Walter Crist, night caller, was badly hurt. He was taken to St. Anthony's hospital, where his leg was amputated. Clarence Elders, night yardmaster, who was in the office, was badly bruised about his back and went to his home at Coalmont, Ind. Walter Morton, night yard clerk, was blown from the office under a box car, which was damaged, and it was necessary to jack the car up to get him out. He was badly bruised. An unknown man was knocked unconscious when the office blew over and was taken to St. Anthony's hospital.

The roof of the dispatcher's office was blown off and the walls caved in. Bert Turner, night dispatcher, was bruised about his head.

Motor Works Razed.

The Johnson Brothers motor works at Sixteenth and Hulman streets was completely demolished by the wind. The roof was torn off, the brick side walls caved in, damaging the machinery.

Miss Myrtle Greeves, 1560 South Seventeenth street, had an arm crushed and it may be necessary to amputate the member. Her condition is serious.

Mr. and Mrs. Millinger, of Nineteenth street and Putnam avenue, were both bruised, but not seriously. Their house was demolished.

A Miss Ridgley, living at Twenty-fifth street and Washington avenue, received bruises about her head and shoulders.

In this section of the city, the southeast part, the storm cut a path about 200 yards wide. Everything in the center of this path was destroyed.

The grocery store of John Mullin, Twenty-fifth and Dean streets, was demolished and groceries were scattered in all directions. The saloon of G. W. Britton, across the street, had all the windows blown out.

Hannah Tully, a sister of Miss Elizabeth Tully, who was killed, was injured at the home, 2323 Washington avenue.

Where Storm Was Worst.

The house at 2011 South Sixth street was blown off its foundation and jammed against the house at 2015 South Sixth.

Nine members of the family of Carl Olson at 2106 South Sixth street, were asleep when the storm came. The upper story was blown off the house and the members of the family were scattered out of their beds. Mrs. Olson was seriously injured, suffering a broken leg.

In the block south of Lincoln avenue on South Sixth street, five houses were wrecked. The fine home of William Blair, 2131 South Sixth and One-half street, was nearly entirely destroyed. The family is in California. The garage was also destroyed. Ten houses were totally or partially wrecked in the 2000 block. At 2107 the house was badly damaged, but the house next door, 2103, was not scratched.

Clyde Keller, aged 9, 1931 South Seventh street, was buried under the ruins of their home, but was taken out alive. He was badly bruised about the body.

In the 1900 block on South Eighth street, thirteen homes were damaged. In the 1800 block every one of the fifteen houses was more or less wrecked.

Damage was done to the Lost Creek township high school estimating about $1,000. The flues were blown down, going through the slate roof.

Cat Takes Flight.

A peculiar incident of the storm was found at Third and Voorhees streets, when a buggy was found wrapped around a telephone post with a cat sitting on the under framework of the buggy. The buggy had been picked up, with the cat on it, from a yard nearby and thrown against the post. The cat was uninjured.

Five people in the home of Thomas Loughead, 2231 South Center, escaped injury when the house was destroyed.

The house of W. O. Bond, 2231 South Center street, was badly damaged. Three people, in bed at the time of the houses' destruction escaped without injury.

Mrs. C. R. Denny, a guest at the home of W. J. Strang, 2101 South Seventh street, was knocked down the cellar steps when the house began to collapse and was injured. The five other occupants were uninjured.

When his home at 609 Morton street began to fall, John Norman went to the cellar. The cellar caved in and he was injured. The other seven occupants were uninjured.

The seven occupants of the home of Carl Olson, 2106 South Sixth street, were caught under the ruins in a room and were rescued after a half an hour's time. Mrs. Olson was hurt by falling brick and a small boy escaped having his foot mashed by the stiffness of his shoe. A brick wall caved in on it and his shoe kept the member from being crushed.

The home of Charles Runyon, 2117 South Center street, was badly damaged. An auto garage in the rear was scattered far and wide and an auto that was left standing there was badly damaged.

W. E. Long, 2128 South Center street, had his home badly damaged. An auto shed was demolished and scattered, but a machine was left in the same spot, badly damaged. All the occupants of the house escaped without injury.

J. H. Snyder and Roy F. Wilcox, at the Snyder residence, 2130 South Center street, fell into the cellar when the house collapsed, and were badly hurt and bruised by falling brick.

Room Left Standing.

When the storm started, Mrs. Anna Carlsburg, 2111 South Sixth street, went to the front bedroom with the other occupants of the house. The room was left standing, but the rest of the home was demolished. Mrs. Carlsburg was about

RUINS OF THE OFFICE OF DR. M. W. MOORE, WHO WAS KILLED IN THE TORNADO
X SHOWS WHERE BODY OF MR. MOORE WAS FOUND

to give birth to a child and her condition is serious from the shock received. She was rushed to St. Anthony's hospital.

The William Brentlinger home, 2120 South Sixth street, was badly damaged. Four people escaped.

When his house caved in Harry McFarlin, 2125 South Sixth street, was caught by a falling rafter and was badly hurt. The house was practically destroyed.

Seven people in the W. A. Cook residence, 2120 South Sixth street, escaped when the house collapsed.

The residence of Charles Vaughan, 2124 South Sixth street, was badly damaged. No one was hurt.

Plasters House With Mud.

Backing up a quantity of mud from the street and yard, the wind plastered the white house of Robert M. Clifton, 2107 South Sixth street. It was slightly damaged, but was coated with mud a quarter of an inch thick. No one was at home at the time.

Henry Onflanzer was cut over his eye in the South Center district.

The front room of the home of Frank Clamp, 2400 South Sixth street, was blown off, leaving the rest of the house intact.

The home of Ed Weaver, 2311 South Center street, was picked up and set off its foundations. None of the occupants was hurt.

At the home of Clara Mason, 2606 South Center street, the house, which stands on an elevation, was piled up on itself. A sewing machine was picked up, taken out into the yard and scattered in all directions.

Jack Norman of Sixth and Voorhees srteets, was injured.

The roof of the home of Hubert Scheietzel on Arleth street was torn off. In one room, the wall paper was stripped off the walls and pictures were left hanging.

Barn Hits Residence.

The barn at the home of Nicholas Charles, 510 Voorhees street, was picked up and thrown against the residence. Three horses and a cow in the barn were uninjured. They all escaped, but the horses were captured after a chase. None of the people in the house were injured. A heretofore unheard of incident occurred when a number of trees in the yard of Charles' home were torn out by the roots and the tops were stuck in the ground, leaving the roots sticking in the air.

The house of William Stevenson, on South Third street, was destroyed, as was the residence of Andrew Calbert, 311 Voorhees street.

The house of Albert Elliott, 330 Voorhees street, was badly damaged.

Streets Impassable.

The work of relief was seriously hampered both last night and Monday by the condition of the streets in the territory swept by the cyclone. South Third and the Prairieton roads could hardly be traversed by the fire apparatus and South Seventh street, which has been torn up for over a year, was in worse shape.

Damage at Warren Park.

At Warren Park, W. P. Ijams' fine country estate, the barn was wrecked and outbuildings were badly damaged. A fine grove of trees on the farm suffered badly from the storm.

Miss Alice Ijams took personal direction of the relief work in the neighborhood of the farm, and visited the people who were left bereft of their homes.

List of Dead Increases.

The dead at Gardentown include William Matherly, aged 80 years, and Mrs. Belle Griffith. The infant son of Jeff Bolinger was seriously injured. Among the other injured are Irwin House, Mary Edwards, Louise House, Mack House and Fred Kautz. Mrs. House gave birth to a child three days ago and is in a precarious condition. She was brought to the home of her parents here and it was then discovered that their home here had been nearly totally destroyed.

Four Hundred Sufferers Fed.

More than 400 sufferers were fed at the Greenwood schcol building at noon Monday. Sandwiches and hot coffee were served. Capt. B. E. Stahl, of the Light House Mission, was at noon appointed by the city council to take charge of the relief station at the Greenwood school. The social workers of Terre Haute acted as waitresses Monday noon and have voted to aid in every possible way as long as the relief station is maintained.

John Newman and wife, of 2600 South First street, had a thrilling experience when the wind picked up the grocery store and hurled it across the street. Mrs. Newman, who has been ill, was hurled from her bed under the debris, but both she and her husband escaped serious injuries. They were dug out from under the wreckage.

D. B. Arnold, who conducts a machine shop on South First street in the heart of the storm swept district, searched all Monday morning for a trace of his shop. The tornado picked up the building as clean as a whistle and at noon Arnold stated that he had been unable to get a trace of the missing shop.

Entire Family Suffers.

The Cartwright family of South First street suffered greatly at the hands of the storm. Mrs. Cartwright and two daughters, Sadie and Nellie, were bruised when tossed out of bed and under a pile of wreckage.

Ernest Peterson, of 2507 South Second street, could not be located Monday. The Peterson home was destroyed by the wind and Peterson injured about the head.

Eagles Open Home.

The directors of the Eagles held a meeting Monday afternoon and offered the Eagle club rooms on Cherry street as a temporary refuge for any of the families or individuals who may be without shelter as a result of the tornado.

Weather Forecaster Cade, said Monday: "The whirlwind which visited the south part of our city Sunday night was without question a well developed tornado. The tornado is the most diminutive and yet the most violent and destructive of all storms. The tornado is always accompanied by sever thunderstorms, hail and squally wind. The funnel shape cloud forms a vacuum. The air rushes outward to fill this vacuum and the rush of air demolishes walls, roofs, windows and houses, the part of the building offering the least resistance being the part to go."

Late Monday afternoon the Loudon Packing Co., announced that 800 cans of soup would be distributed to the people housed at the Greenwood school and others. Hulman & Co., announced that they would provide 300 lanterns for the lighting of the school building. Captain Stahl is in charge of the work there.

VIEW OF DIX RESIDENCE ON SOUTH CENTER STREET
IN TORNADO DISTRICT

A train of loaded coal cars stood on the S. I. belt when the tornado struck. Two of the cars were uncoupled and turned over. The remainder of the train was moved up the track a distance.

It was estimated by the business director of the city schools that the damage to the Greenwood school would total nearly $6,000.

Eli Alumbaugh, a bricklayer from Sullvian, notified the Tribune that he would offer his services to organize a force of carpenters and bricklayers to rebuild the homes destroyed.

The American Car and Foundry company's plant was closed to allow the employes to help in saving what furniture was left from the wreckage. Scores of moving vans and wagons of all description were pressed into service to save the furniture, which was being ruined by the steady downpour of rain. Several of these heavily laden wagons became stuck in the soft mud and a few had to be abandoned.

The Company B guardsmen made themselves useful in other ways than watching. Lieut. Garhardt Monninger and a squad of privates, in their rounds, saw a large transfer wagon buried to the hubs in a yard and the driver putting forth his best efforts to urge his horses out of the mire. Lieutenant Monninger's men at once stacked their arms and seeking shovels, began the work of getting the wagon free.

Wrong Girl Went Home.

The irony of life was shown in the case of two young women who are employed in the restaurant at the Plazza hotel, Ninth and Sycamore streets. Miss Esther Milbourne of Ninth and Park streets, one of the young women, was much worried over her folks when she heard a severe storm was raging in the south part of the city. Her companion, Miss Cora Regan, took her place and allowed her to hasten home, where she found all of the family safe, the house having escaped damage. About 4 o'clock a messenger was sent for Miss Regan, telling her the home of her relatives had collapsed and the people were all missing. She hastened to the scene, but fortunately all had escaped death and only one, a brother-in-law was injured.

From Third and Voorhees streets the landscape offered a heart-rendering scene. From this point over one hundred wrecked homes were to be seen and this section demanded the first efforts of the relief parties.

The worst fire during the storm occurred on Third street in the block below Arleth. Falling wires torn down by the storm fired the homes of Louis Hickens, George Hindle and Frank Churchill. All of the families escaped, but Mrs. Hindle was seriously injured by flying bricks.

The Vandalia wrecking crew went to Warren Park farm, Tuesday morning, to rescue fourteen head of horses and several cows pinioned under the ruins of the barn. W. P. Ijams, owner of Warren Park, Tuesday estimated his loss $50,000.

Although a heavy loser in the storm, Fred Coppage, 2019 South Eighth street, owner of the "Our Theater," Seventh and Seabury streets, turned over the theater to the sufferers for the remainder of the week and benefit shows were given. All the receipts above the operating expenses were turned over to the fund for the relief of those who lost in the tornado.

The Coopage home, 2019 South Eighth street, is practically demolished and the loss will reach in the thousands.

By noon Tuesday, roadways had been cut through the debris blocked streets in the southwest tornado district, and the work of reclaimnig was under way. Moving van men and contractors who swarmed to the scene were handed copies of

the mayor's proclamation against exorbitant charges as they entered the wrecked territory.

Recovered from the shock of Sunday night after thirty-six hours, most of the home owners were picking among the ruins Tuesday, to recover their goods. Before hundreds of piles of wreckage, little piles of rain soaked, worn furniture had been gathered together, until vans could be secured to remove it to safe places, or the homes had been temporarily made rehabitable.

Krumbhaar place, first target of the full force of the storm, presented a pitiful appearance on the second morning after the calamity. Only total wreck of homes met the eye of the homeless who had fled the territory Monday.

The tragic death of Mrs. Harley Davis, 2706 Thmopson street, is told by John Miller, 2720 Thompson street, who aided Davis in saving the body from the flames of the burning house. Miller with his wife were thrown from their beds by the storm and escaped from their home which collapsed. Miller heard Davis calling for help and ran to the wreck of the Davis home. He found Mr. Davis fighting fire in a mattress which lay over the body of Mrs. Davis. Heavy concrete blocks from the fire place held the body down and only the bleeding head was visible in the fire. Pans of water dipped from pools near the body, were thrown on the flames and the only light for the rescue was put out. Davis and Miller used their hands in the dark to lift the wreckage from the body of the dead woman. Mr. Miller still wore bloody clothing Tuesday, worn on the night of the tornado, all other clothes being swept away in the storm.

While Mr. Davis and his neighbor were rescuing the body of the wife, Miller declares that they heard people singing religious songs and bits of prayers from the dark mass of wreckage west of the place.

Jesse Griffiths, 55 years old, whose wife was killed outright, died at 8 o'clock Monday night at the Union hospital. The Griffiths lived in Gardentown.

MONDAY NIGHT'S SCENES

Some of the most pitiful cases on record in this city came to light Monday night, following the devastation of the night before. Families were parted by death, deprived of their homes by the tronado and a large number were without support because the factories in which the husbands and sons worked were reduced to a mass of ruins.

The sufferers, gathered in the homes of friends, philanthropic citizens and in the temporary headquarters of the relief organizations, were in a stupor. They hardly had come to a realization of what had befallen them. Several were gathered at the Greenwood school, and with but few exceptions they sat around the rooms with their heads in their hands, gazing into space. Others, however, with a full realization of the conditions, assisted Captain B. E. Stahl and his corps of assistants in taking care of the women and children.

More than 200 men, women and children were fed at the Greenwood school by the relief organization under direct charge of Captain Stahl. Mrs. W. D. Goode, Miss Sybil Clarke and Miss Oakley attended to the feeding of the destitute ones and they passed out sandwiches, hot coffee and hot soup to everyone who called.

Parker Family Destitute.

One of the saddest cases of all was that of the Parker family. Made homeless by the destruction of their little home

VIEW IN TORNADO DISTRICT ON SOUTH SIXTH STREET. HOUSE UNROOFED
IS THE PROPERTY OF D. HARTSOOK

at 2703 Arleth street, and left without support by the Root glass factory being demolished and throwing Mr. Parker out of work, the family of six gathered in the basement of the school where they huddled in one corner in a daze. John Parker, the husband, had been working at the glass factory for more than a year and a half. With a wife, three children and a mother to support, he could save nothing.

Fortunately none of the family was hurt. Mrs. Parker, however, is in a delicate condition owing to the fact that she soon expects to give birth to a fourth child.

Mrs. Parker in telling of their experiences, said:

"We had retired and all were asleep when the tornado struck. We had no warning. It struck, and when we woke up, we were laying out in the yard with but scant clothing. We were stunned for the moment, but gathered up what clothes we could, and then,—well we finally landed here. I do not know what is to become of us."

John E. Meyers was caught by the storm in the Southeastern depot where he was waiting for a train to visit his sister in Sullivan. After a long search John E. Meyers, Sr., located his son at St. Anthony's hospital and was told that there was no hope of his recovery. Mr. Myers' parents lived at 1330½ Wabash avenue, and had prepared to move to Milwaukee.

While carrying a body to their ambulance, four men from the Katzenbach Undertaking company heard groans and after a long search found a man who claimed to be seriously injured. Investigation proved that he was drunk and he was put in a coal bin where he slept on in peace.

Some Narrow Escapes.

A section of a roof blown up against a bed room window without breaking the pane was all that prevented the death of Mrs. Cleve Spelbring and baby of 2030 South Sixth street, is the statement accredited to one of the family. During the height of the tornado Sunday night the roof from a home fully 250 feet west of Sixth street was picked up and stacked up against the bedroom window of the Spelbring home. Immediately after the roof had been deposited by the wind a series of crashes followed as a result of flying timber, bricks, etc., but the roof prevented any of the flying wreckage from tearing its way into the bedroom in which the mother and child were sleeping.

The Spelbring home was damaged considerably, but the family expressed thanks that the lives of the mother and child had been saved by what is thought to be a miracle.

Hundreds of close calls were recorded in all parts of the devasted section. At the Fred Hausman home on the Lockport road, two dogs were found under the wreckage jammed in between the timbers so tightly that they could not escape, but after searchers had released them were found to be uninjured. The peculiar feature of the dogs was that the dogs, after hunting for the Hausman family, crawled back into the wreckage and remained there all of last night.

Fancy Work in Tree.

On South Tenth street, just south of Lincoln, there stands a huge tree, which in some way escaped in the sweep of the storm. All the branches with a single exception were broken off, but, hanging on the one branch, can be seen numerous articles of woman wearing apparel. Included in the clothing is a big hat, with splendid plumage, probably an Easter bonnet.

The Olson family, 2106 South Sixth street, had as thrilling an experience as probably any family which escaped without

death stalking in the ranks. There are nine members of the Olson family and all were sleeping in the second story. The wind cut through the second story like a keen knife and lifted the three rooms and every member of the family, carried the wreckage fully ninety feet and then hurled the cargo of human beings to the ground. The children escaped with slight bruises, but the head of the household and his better half were bruised. Not a single board used in the construction of the second story remained intact after being hurled to the ground and those who heard the story as told by Mr. Olson wonder how a single member of the family of nine escaped death.

Lost His Memory.

A Tribune reporter, Monday, found a man in the 2000 block South Tenth street, so badly jarred that he was unable to give his name. He was badly hurt about the head and was later taken to a local hospital. The man's home was a total wreck and he stumbled to the rear of the house, crying that his home was destroyed and that he believed his wife was still under the debris. A hurried search revealed the fact that his wife had escaped. The man was found under the kitchen floor with a heavy range resting against his head. Had the stove fallen squarely on the injured property holder he would likely have been instantly killed.

For a stretch of fifty feet along the alley in the rear of the 1900 block on South Eighth street can be seen dead chickens, at least thirty of the feathered tribe being strewn along the alley. It appears as if the hen house had been completely demolished, and the fowl in atempting to run away were crushed to the ground and killed. There were few injuries to be seen, the wind simply beating the fowl to the ground.

A two-story concrete house at 308 Lockport road was demolished. The force of the storm centered on a space occupying ten feet square which was picked up and blown away.

In the ruins of one of the seven Hausman houses on the Lockport road, a live pig and half a dozen hens were found this morning. There were no pigs harbored in the neighborhood so far as known. The pig was blown from another section of the city.

The house of Fred Price of 1733 South Ninth street was practically destroyed. This was the house furthest south on Ninth street to be reached by the tornado.

Find Eggs Unbroken.

In the remains of a barn back of 1802 South Tenth street, a newspaper reporter found a hen's nest this morning. In the nest were a half dozen broken eggs and four eggs unbroken. The hen was lying dead a few feet away.

Of the six houses in the tornado zone that were owned by the Home Association, five carried tornado insurance and the other did not. The five that carried tornado insurance were destroyed—the other house was uninjured.

What Happened to Auto.

H. D. Jackson, of Clinton, had left an automobile at Houseman's paint shop on the Lockport road to be repainted. When Mr. Jackson examined his machine this morning he found the two hind wheels missing. The axles had been snapped and the wheels carried away. The rest of the machine was in good condition.

In the Path of the Storm.

The home of Charles Grosjean, ex-county school superintendent, at 1912 South Eighth street, was badly damaged.

The old McMaster homestead at 1827 South Ninth street,

VIEW NEAR ROOT GLASS PLANT ON SOUTH THIRD STREET
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now owned by Dr. Gives and occupied by the George Lane and Ross McLaughlin families, withstood the storm as it did the cyclone of 17 years ago. The Charles Miller property immediately adjoining at 1825 South Ninth, that also had previous experience, was minus a front porch after this inventory.

Nate Lowe, 2125 South Ninth street, who has been in a critical condition from the measles was removed to a nearby house when it was feared his home was doomed.

The most costly structures that suffered lay south of McKeen between Fifth and Seventh streets in the recently built up Chestnut Place addition.

Fred Housman, at 315 Lockport avenue, lost his own home and seven other rental properties. In addition several automobiles that were left with him to paint were badly demolished. Mr. Housman carried $600 insurance, which will not begin to replace his own home, and was slightly injured.

John Terhorst's five-room house at 2010 South Center street, was nearly covered by insurance. His wife and two children escaped with slight injuries.

Mat Dorley, chief of detectives, is said to have just purchased his property.

Leroy Bailey's home at 2000 South Center, a fine two-story structure, was completely demolished. Mr. Bailey and wife were entertaining two visitors, neither of whom was injured. Mr. Bailey was less fortunate, however, being badly hurt about the head.

The old home place of Mrs. Anna Hall at 2030 South Eighth street was completely destroyed.

Freak of Storm.

A freak of the tornado caused the injury of Mrs. Mary Parker, 2703 Arleth street. She and her husband were gathering a few valuables to leave their home, when the crash came. A buggy was picked up from a yard across the alley and thrown through the double windows of the collapsing house, the shafts striking Mrs. Parker in the side. Charles Parker, her husband, was bruised in the falling walls as he helped his wife out of the building.

Some Experiences.

Although his eight year old son was lying dead in a local morgue, Pickney Edwards, druggist, Third and Voorhees streets, thought of other children of more fortunate parents, and from the ruins of his business gathered up several boxes of candy and took it to the school, where it was eagerly devoured. The candy was about all that was saved out of the wreckage at the store, and that went to fill a happy hour in the lives of children, who, unlike his own son, had escaped injury and death in the storm.

The Edwards family lived at Second and Greenwood streets, just two blocks from their store. When the storm came up they all started for the basement. All had arrived safely excepting Mrs. Edwards and their son, Chandis. Both were caught under the underpinings of the structure as it was moved off its foundation. When the boy was taken out he was dead, and Mrs. Edwards was badly injured in the leg. At the home of a neighbor she lay Monday night groaning in agony, not from physical pains, but from the loss of her boy. The two girls and the baby of the Edwards family escaped without injury. The home of R. L. Edwards, 225 Voorhees street, brother of Pickney Edwards, was demolished, but all escaped injury. The family spent the night at the Greenwood school and Mr. Edwards gave as much assistance as possible to Captain Stahl and the relief corps.

Another pitiful case that has been called to the attention of the relief committee was that of James F. Cartwright, 2634 Arleth street. Mr. Cartwright, although a cripple, has supported a wife and four children and bought a home which he just finished paying for the first of the year. The new home, uninsured for tornadoes, was completely demolished and every member of the family excepting himself were so badly injured that they had to be taken to a hospital for treatment. One of the little boys had a fractured nose, and a girl suffered by having two fingers nearly cut off.

Without a Home.

About 8 o'clock in the evening, Evan Tucker, whose home lay in ruins at 2521 South Second street, entered the school building with his wife and asked for a place to stay. He is an employe of the C. & E. I. railroad company, and he had no place to stay as his home was demolished. He was accommodated with two cots which he accepted with dazed expressions of gratitude.

Deming's Loss Severe.

Mike Deming, one of the best all-around athletes ever developed at Rose Poly, was a heavy loser at the hands of the tornado which swept Gardentown Sunday night. Mike owned a home in Gardentown which was completely razed by the storm. Mike, who is attending Rose, went to the spot where his former home had stood and almost broke down when the scene of complete destruction loomed up before him. There was hardly a sign of a home, the tornado picking up the house and hurling it into a million pieces.

The Deming family is spending the winter in Florida and the home was not occupied at the time of the storm.

Mrs. George Scharm, of Shelburn, was visiting on South Eleventh street when the tornado broke and she was badly cut about the head, her chest crushed and her leg broken.

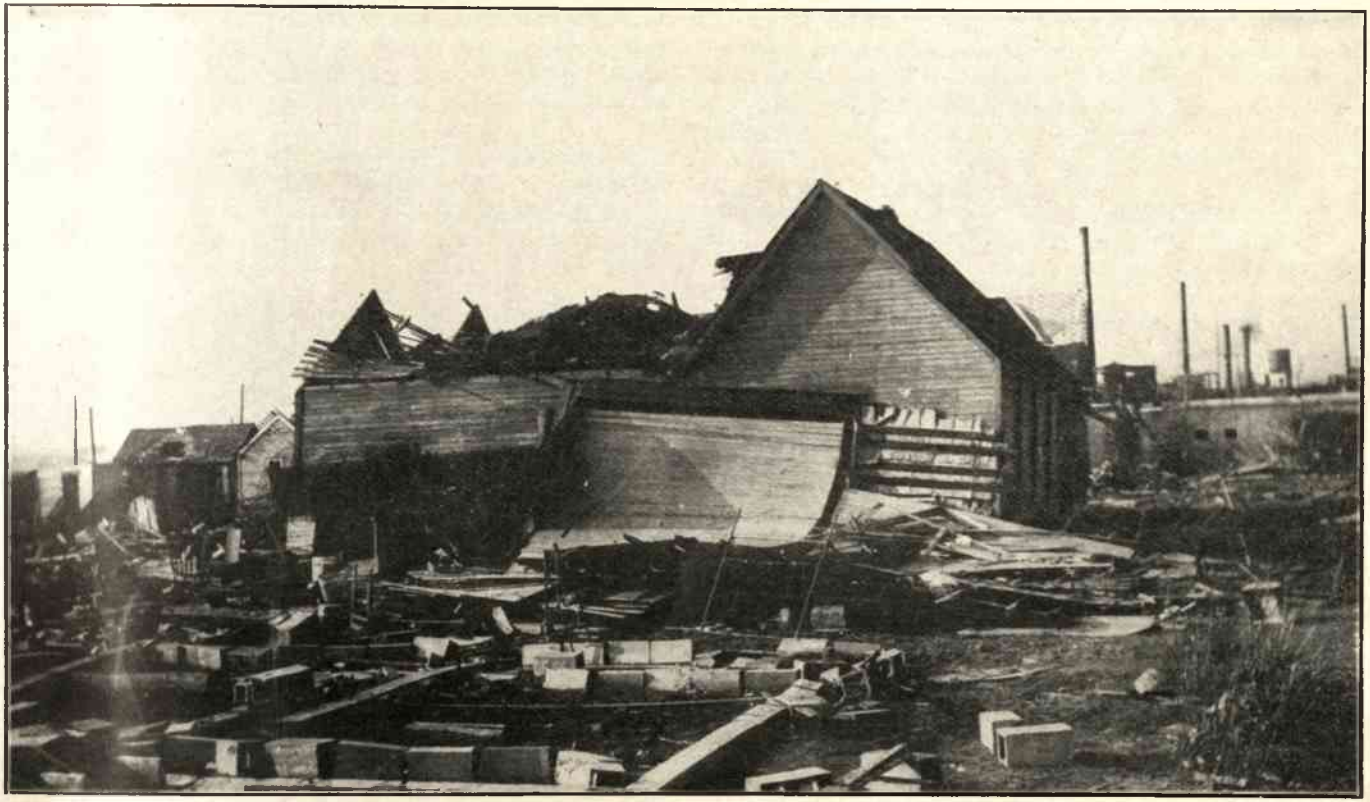
Sheriff Denny Shea and his deputies, Edward Curran, Peter Feiler, Ace Robinson, Charles Shattuck and Albert McDonald, were prominent in the rescue work Sunday night. James Carlos was forced to divide his time between the storm belt and the office. The entire force stayed on the work till the state militia arrived and relieved them. Sheriff Shea and Chief Deputy Rector had two automobiles in service most of the night.

Queer Freaks of Storm.

Tales of miraculous escape, "freak" antics of the tornado, and exciting as well as unusual experiences were being told by those who were in the path of the funnel like cloud Sunday night. On every hand wonder was expressed because the dead did not total a hundred or more instead of what has been reported.

People who viewed the ruins are unable to see how escapes were made from some of the houses, which were so completely torn that they lay flat on the ground with seemingly no space in between. But escapes were made that seem impossible, which only illustrates the freakishness of the tornado which comes with little or no warning, leaving a trail of waste, death and destitution.

The home of Isaac McCoy, 1821 South Tenth and One-half street, was built of concrete blocks. When struck it was completely wrecked; the roof was blown away and a part of the walls fell in. In the bed room, where Mr. and Mrs. McCoy were sleeping, a solid mass of concrete fell inward, only that portion of the room where the bed was located escaped. As a result, neither was badly injured. Mrs. McCoy was cut about



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the head by flying glass, but had the bed been on the other side of the room she no doubt would have been killed.

One of the worst demolished houses was that of the Hannings, 2011 South Seventh street. It lay in a crushed pile of ruins and the wonder is how anyone escaped without being killed. All the occupants were injured, more or less, but no fatality resulted.

Among the things to be seen were dead chickens, cats, horses and other animals, while here and there were chickens almost stripped of their feathers. In one house on South Third street, which had been lifted from its foundation, a hen was found sitting on her nest, undisturbed by the havoc around her.

A horse belonging to John West on the Prairieton road was blown over an eight-foot fence and left on the other side, scared but uninjured.

Miss Cynthia Wells, 23 years old, of 1616 South Eighteenth street, who suffered a fracture of her leg at the ankle, was taken to the Union depot at 6 o'clock Monday evening in the police ambulance from where she went to her parents' home in Clay City, Ind.

John Kerns, of 1902 South Sixth street, while engaged in the rescue work in the devastated district, learned that his home had been entered and robbed of $32.

Chimney Stands as Sentinel.

One of the freaks to be seen is at 1916 South Eighth street, where a beautiful bungalow formerly stood. The house was flattened to the ground by the wind and all that remains standing is a chimney which apparently is without support other than the wreckage piled at its base. At 1925 South Eighth street a giant tree was uprooted and dashed through the front end of the house. The occupants escaped injury, although the tree crushed in the front as if it were an egg.

The 1900 block, South Eighth street, apparently was directly in the path of the tornado. The majority of the fifteen odd homes are razed, while all are badly damaged. At 1907 South Eighth the wind sucked in between the second story and the down stairs rooms and carried the entire front part of the house away, lifting the front clear over the houses on the east side of Eighth street and depositing the wreckage in the vacant lots on the west side of South Ninth street.

Hanley Has Narrow Escape.

John Hanley, the well-known tent and awning man, and four members of his family had narrow escape from death, and but for a warning a few seconds before the storm burst would have been dashed to death in the ruins of the beautiful Hanley residence. Mr. Hanley happened to go to the front door, and he saw the storm bearing down, sweeping the houses west of him before it in its fury. Calling to the members of his family they quickly gathered about him in the hall, hudling behind the front door, which was protected by a storm door. The parlor in which they were seated was completely ruined and wreckage was hurled through the room into the rear of the house which would have dealt instant death to any person who had remained in the room.

"We would all have been killed had we remained seated in the parlor as the wreckage which was hurled into the room came with such force that no human being could possibly have withstood the force of the flying timber," said Mr. Hanley.

The Hanley three-story wareroom in the rear of the home

was demolished and the immense piles of awnings, etc., which were stored in the building scattered over the devastated district as far west as Twenty-fifth street.

The Fred Coppage home, 2019 South Eighth street, was torn off its foundation and slammed into the first house north. Both homes were damaged, the Coppage home being practically destroyed. Two daughters were in the home at the time, as were the parents. They were hurled out the front of the house into the street, but were not injured although considerably shaken up. The family discovered the downstairs furnishings in the upper rooms, blown there by the wind which apparently went up into the air at this point. A pair of lace curtains were found embedded in the walls of the home with such firmness that it was impossible to tear the curtains loose. The linoleum on the kitchen floor was jerked up and then dropped down so lightly that a dainty china cup which was snatched from the dining room cabinet and deposited on the kitchen floor was not broken. The cup was found under the wreckage without as much as a scratch.

William Streeter, 2709 Arleth street, had a nail shot into his thigh like a bullet. The house collapsed about the heads of the Streeter family, but all escaped with minor injuries. Della Burke, a guest at the place from Ottawa, Kan., received a check from home Monday morning, by a mail man who delivered the letter at the ruins of the house.

A grewsome injury at the hands of the wind was sustained by Miss Nellie Chandler, guest at the home of William Roberts, 2726 Dillman street. When the crash came, the girl was thrown against the stove and pinned there by falling timbers. Alva Cropper, sick with measles in the house, and five other persons of the family were caught under the wreck, all bruised and cut, but able to crawl out. The men rescued the girl under the timbers, and put out a fire which had started almost under the girl's body. Cropper's undershirt was burning while he worked but he knew nothing about it until the crisis was passed. Roberts sustained injures to his back and head.

Mrs. John Brody, 2509 South Fourth street, and her little baby were pinned under the wreckage of their home.

"I felt I was crushing the life out of my baby and was being crushed myself with the horrible weight on my chest," she said. "I felt the heat of the flames that were burning the mattress of our bed which was between me and the chiffonier and stove that had piled up on top of the bed. When it seemed that we could stand it no longer, I felt my father pulling at me, and felt we were safe. I will never forget the horror of the five minutes I was under the wreck."

The Brody home was totally destroyed by fire.

Hardship on Many.

At least half of the homes destroyed in the Krumbhaar district were those of poor laborers who had purchased their lots and built their houses out of savings of years.

"I worked for twenty years to get enough money to set myself up in housekeeping," one wornout man was overhead to say Tuesday," now it is all gone. There isn't a stick of furniture, a solid board or a dollar's worth of value left to the house I built. If it wasn't for the kindness of the people at the Greenwood school, there wouldn't be any food, for I haven't a dollar saved, and my job is gone at Roots until they build up again."

The horrible wreckage on the southwest side was caused largely by the fragil nature of the houses. The light pine and concrete buildings were picked up and tossed about at

GENERAL VIEW OF THE PROPERTY DAMAGE DONE BY THE TORNADO
IN SOUTH END OF CITY IN PATH OF STORM

WHERE SOUTHEASTERN DEPOT STOOD AT SEVENTEENTH AND HULMAN STREETS
IN THE PATH OF THE TORNADO

the will of the storm, to be thrown in kindling wood piles, off of the foundations.

Homes in the South Center district were of a higher class, two-story modern houses and brick bungalows, where the damage was mostly to the upper structure.

Hurled from Beds.

C. F. Creager, 2505 South Fourth street, his wife and four children, were caught in their home, when the barn was picked up and thrown onto the house. All escaped with slight injury by crawling out of a window. A mattress from the bed Creager was sleeping upon, was carried toward the barn site, and shot in under his horse, which was killed by falling timber and lay on the mattress.

The parlor floor of the home of Mrs. Moore, 2507 South Fourth street, was lifted whole from the house and set out into the street, a center table, chairs, a davenport, and a lamp on the table remaining in position. A bedroom rug from the next room was laid even over the floor and furniture in the street. No one was in the house at the time of the tornado.

Frank Notting, in the 2500 block, South Fourteenth street, went into his west door when the storm broke. As he opened the door a rain of white chickens from a neighbor's poultry yard fell around him, one of the fowls striking him in the face so hard his nose bled. The chickens were killed in hitting the walls of the falling house. Notting's family escaped.

Kept Their Playthings.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Edwards, parents of Druggist Edwards, whose eight-year-old son was killed in the tornado, were carried through the air, in their house, for twenty feet when the house was picked up by the wind. Only one corner remained on the foundation. Audrey Edwards, seven-year-old sister of the lad who was killed, and three other little girls played and laughed at the Greenwood school Tuesday with dolls made from handkerchiefs, unable to realize the horror that has visited their home.

Blown Out of House.

George Weisbach, his wife and three-year-old child of 1832 South Ninth street, were driven by the force of the wind through two rooms and out through the side of the house. but they were uninjured with the exception of a few scratches and cuts on Weisbach's head. Weisbach said Tuesday: "I had no time to think, it came so fast and lasted only a minute. I have lost everything I owned in the storm, but there is no use crying over it now. I intend to make the best of it."

The home of Charles Reagin, 323 Lockport road, is left standing but it is a mere shed. Five of the family who were in the house at the time were scratched. One of the boys had a narrow escape. He had been uptown and instead of getting off a southbound car at Hulman street, continued on to the end of the line because it was raining. The tornado passed back of the car and the youth rushed home to find his home wrecked and the rest of the family hurt.

Residents of the tornado district, whose homes were damaged by the storm, are searching among the ruins for what few of their effects that were not entirely destroyed, hoping at least to save some bed clothing and wearing apparel.

FLOOD CONDITIONS MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1913

With the guage at the waterworks showing a high water mark of seventeen feet at an early hour this morning and with the water raising at the rate of two inches an hour, another flood is eminent in the lower Wabash Valley. The lowlands, both north and south of the city, are already flooded, and with one more foot added to the present stage the residents of Taylorville will again be forced to vacate their huts and seek shelter elsewhere.

The land west of Taylorville, from the levee to the extreme southeast part of West Terre Haute, is again flooded, while Sugar Creek has already started its work of destruction and flooded the river bottoms south of the Sugar Creek levee.

The valuable farm lands in Prairie Creek Township, lying between the "Battle Row" and what is known as the Fortune school house was reported to have been under water yesterday afternoon, while the gravel road between Hutton and the "Big Knoll" was flooded. The oldest residents of the county, and those who are familiar with river navigation, say that they never in all their experience have seen the Wabash show as rapid a rise as has been the case during the past forty-eight hours.

Abandon Their Homes.

Twenty-five families, or half the population of "Toadhop," a village located a mile west of West Terre Haute on the National Road, were forced to abandon their homes yesterday afternoon because of Sugar Creek being on a rampage. The breaking of a levee near the creek yesterday afternoon allowed the southwest corner of West Terre Haute to become inundated. At least twelve families, living on South Ninth street, West Terre Haute, left their homes last night rather than take a chance of remaining indoors for several days.

Water several inches deep was in many of the homes in "Toadhop," and it is expected that much suffering will result because of crowded conditions. Practically one-half of the population is caring for the other half in the best manner possible, under the circumstances. Those who waited yesterday and did not move their household belongings out in wagons, were forced to take to boats later. Considerable trouble was experienced with a demented woman, who refused to leave her home in a boat, although water was almost in her home.

By 8 o'clock last night, enough water had poured through the broken levee to cover the National Roal to Ninth street,

West Terre Haute, and the steady rise threatened to reach well into the city. Land on both sides of the road and near "Toadhop" is covered. National Road is impassable for almost a mile.

Clear Creek, located about five miles west of West Terre Haute, is also out of its banks, and is stretched over a large territory.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1913.

Water began sweeping through the temporary sand embankment at the power house at 1:30 Wednesday afternoon. A big pump was immediately put in action in an effort to keep back the flood, but the rush of water was too rapid and it was feared that the sand bags would be washed away.

At 2 o'clock the situation at the traction power plant appeared desperate. A set of signals had been arranged by which the men were to be informed when to quit work and flee to safety. It was hoped to be able to hold out until night. Water was seeping through the walls at the plant.

At 3 o'clock the stage of the Wabash river had reached twenty-eight feet and six inches. It was steadily rising at the rate of four inches an hour.

The fleeing to this city Wednesday afternoon of 1,000 persons made homeless in the flooded districts of West Terre Haute and Taylorville brought full realization of the extent of the suffering and damage occasioned by the rise of the Wabash river, which at 12:30 o'clock in the afternoon stood at twenty-eight feet, declared by many to be the highest in history. Fully half of West Terre Haute, all of Taylorville and a great area in the north part of the city from Fourth to Sixth streets and from Maple avenue north and south a considerable distance, are under water. Hundreds of families have been forced out, hundreds of houses are surrounded by water in Terre Haute, West Terre Haute and Taylorville, and many of the homes are floating about in deep water.

Early Wednesday morning the rise of the river and the ever increasing swiftness of the current lent fears that the wagon bridge and the structures of the Big Four and the Vandalia railroads would give away. This fear caused Mayor Gerhardt to issue an order declaring the wagon bridge closed. In spite of this order, however, hundreds crossed the bridge until a cordon of police was stationed at the approach as a guard. A force of fifty men, with two switch engines and three flat cars were rushed to the west end of the Big Four bridge and all day strenuous efforts were being made to prevent a washout of the structure. At noon Wednesday the water had reached the level of the west grade of the Big Four and had broken over in many places. The constant washing of the water under the approaches of both the Big Four and the wagon bridge caused renewed fear that the structures could not stand the strain.

Water was in more than half the houses in West Terre Haute by noon Wednesday, and with the water rising rapidly it was expected that the entire city would be inundated by nightfall. Marshal Morgan, of West Terre Haute, estimated at noon that more than 3,000 persons had been made homeless by the deluge, about half the population of the city.

The Vigo Clay company and the American Clay company suspended operation Wednesday morning, throwing more than 200 men out of employment.

At noon Wednesday every mine in the vicinity of West Terre Haute had been closed down and 5,000 miners are out of work. At the Speedwell mine No. 2 the water has flooded the mine offices and the mine proper was thought to be in

PAMORAMIC VIEW OF FLOODED DISTRICT. SMOKESTACKS
OF POWER PLANT AT RIGHT

danger of being flooded. The same conditions prevail at the Hall-Zimmerman mine. The tracks leading to the shaft are under water with the flood within a foot and a half of the mine proper.

An employe of the Southeastern line stated at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon that the river was up even with the belt line bridge which crosses the Wabash about five miles north of the city. Telegrams from Bedford, Ind., stated that the water station at that place had been closed and that it would shortly become necessary to close the big Southeastern shops there. No trains are being run on the Southeastern system south of here.

This afternoon the conditions in the northwest part of the city were worse than at any time since the high water arrived. There are thirty or forty houses west of Fifth street and north of the 1700 block that are under water. In some places near Maple avenue some of these houses are submerged with the exception of portions of the roof, the water being from fifteen to twenty feet deep.

At Fourth and Maple avenue families in that neighborhood have taken their goods and sought places of refuge in other parts of the city.

Conover's pond is overflowing and runs into the backwater from the river, making a watery expanse of nearly a mile.

Houses near Fifth and Maple avenue and in the large area north and west of Monninger place are under water and the majority of the families have moved out.

Across the river as far as the eye can reach there was nothing to be seen Wednesday morning but a waste of water. Although the stage of the river was said not to be highest in history, this was explained as being due to the fact that the new standard of the government's gauge is different from the one formerly used here, and river men say there is more water in the Wabash river at this time than ever before.

Water Approaches Hospital.

The breaking of the levee north of the city has caused the water to back into the city so far that it has come within a square of the Union Hospital, and residents of that section fear that it may endanger that institute.

The water at Taylorville had risen to the boiler rooms of the Valentine packing house this morning, and it was expected that at any moment it would become necessary to put the fires out. It is thought, however, that the building is safe. A large amount of stock, mostly hogs, which had been confined to a pen south of the building, had to be moved to the upper deck of the building Wednesday morning to escape the flood.

The family of Mrs. Anna Roberts in a building just south of the Valentine packing house at Taylorville was completely surrounded by the water this morning, although the house still stood on dry ground. It was fifty feet to the north bank, however, and it was found necessary to send a boat after the family.

When the Taylorville levee broke, Lee Sutherlin, whose home is on the levee, was moving his last load of household goods to safe territory. Before he could get away, the water rose as high as the bed of his wagon, but the horse managed to pull through.

St. Mary's Road Submerged.

The river road to St. Mary's, which starts at Fort Heyden, was completely submerged Wednesday morning to a depth of several feet. The covered area extended as far as where the road went into the hills. Water was from four to five feet

deep this morning in the Terre Haute Abattoir and Stock Yards company's plant, which is on the St. Mary's road.

At 9 o'clock Wednesday morning large waves from the river were washing up over the pile of sand bags placed along the bank to protect the Terre Haute Light and Traction company's power house on Water street, and a foot high wall of solid brick masonry was erected all along the outside of the wall of the plant facing the river. At that time it was said that it would be necessary for the river to rise another foot before it would cover this new wall. A force of fifty men are at work at the power house endeavoring to stay the flood.

North of the power house, two house boats, one occupied by Charles Stevenson and wife and the other by Ed Presley and wife, which had been standing on dry land for so long a time that they would not float, were half submerged by the water and large ropes were tied around them and fastened to the shore to save them. When the water first began to enter the boats the families moved out. The river at 9 o'clock was on a level with the bridge on both ends. In the middle, the water was about two and one-half feet below it.

It was predicted that should the water rise another foot, the bridge between Terre Haute and West Terre Haute on the grade would fall. In that instance, West Terre Haute would be completely surrounded by water.

One of the two wells at the power house on Water street was completely covered by the water and the water was within one and one-half feet of the top of the other. The wells are situated west of the power house.

Scene of Desolation.

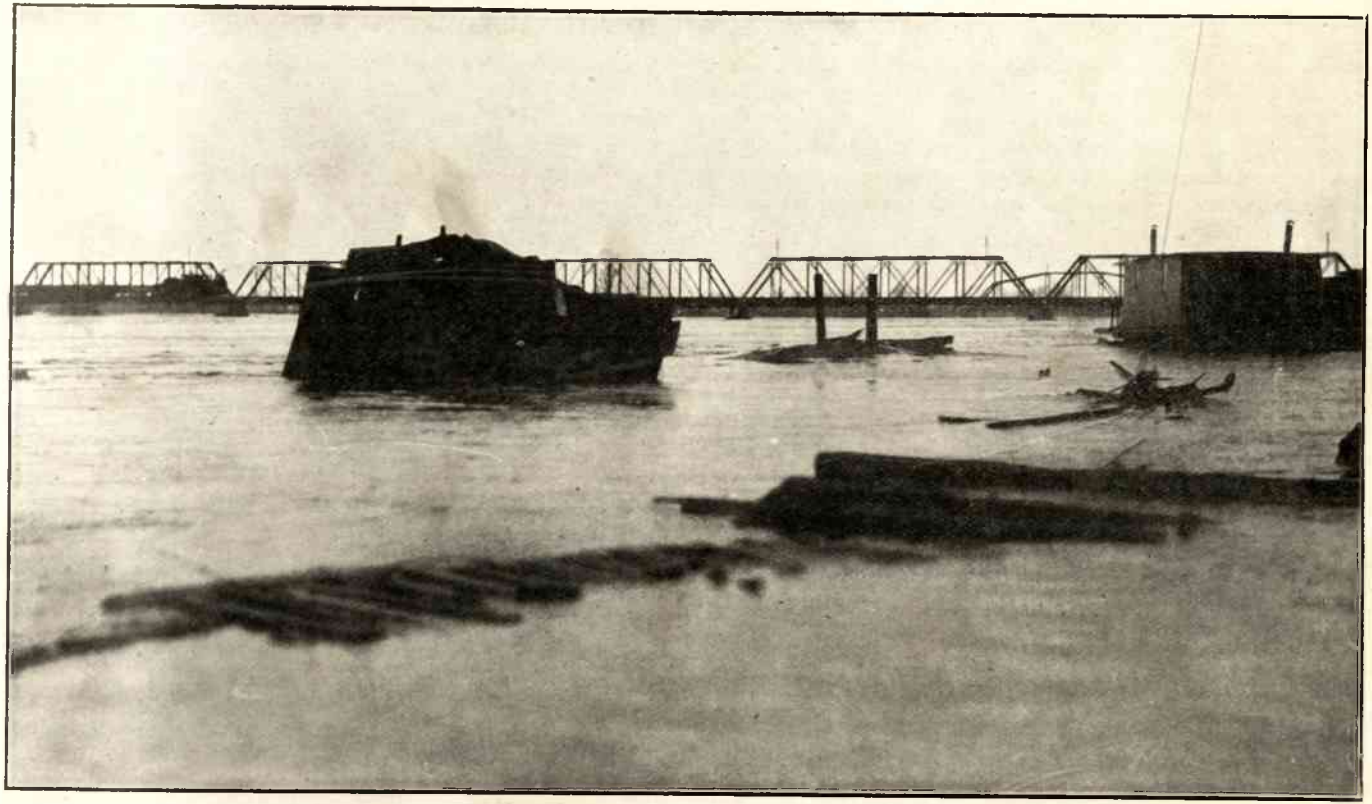
The Maywood district presented a scene of desolation Wednesday morning. Fully seventy-five houses on Fourth and Fifth streets between Maple avenue and Linden streets were under water, and many of these were afloat. On Fourth street a row of fully twenty houses were surrounded by water up to their eaves. The grocery store of George Davis at Fifth and Maple avenue was carried off its foundation and is floating around. Davis worked all Tuesday afternoon in anticipation of the flood and succeeded in removing all of his stock. Harry Romaine, at the same corner, saved most of his household goods before the water moved the house from Fifth and Maple streets over to Sixth and Linden. A dozen or more houses are piled up in the water and at least seventy-five families have been compelled to seek shelter elsewhere. Charles Abbott and his wife, both of whom are invalids, were carried from their home near Fifth and Maple avenue late Tuesday night on chairs.

Terre Haute is rapidly becoming shut off from the world by railroad and traction communication. Railroad traffic was practically at a standstill Tuesday night, although trains were still running west of the city on the Big Four. All trains for Indianapolis were blocked and local engineers and fifteen firemen remained at their homes without calls. A washout in the railroad yards at Indianapolis Tuesday afternoon blocked both the Big Four and Vandalia traffic with Terre Haute.

One Train Out.

A train left at 10 o'clock Tuesday night for Mattoon, Ill., on the Big Four, to accommodate the scores of passengers. This was the only train the Big Four ran west during the night.

The condition remained unchanged Tuesday night on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad. The Washington division of the road, south, is open only for a distance of forty



THE WABASH AT HIGHEST STAGE OF THE FLOOD, SHOWING
VANDALIA RAILROAD BRIDGE

miles to Oaktown, and no trains are being run. The Michigan division of the Vandalia and the main line east were blocked early Tuesday afternoon. One train started for Indianapolis but did not reach its destination. One train was made up to run to Paris, Ill., over the Vandalia.

Employes of the Union depot said they did not expect to be able to get anything through to Ohio for at least two days, and possibly not then, as reports indicate the railroads are demoralized.

John Latshaw went to Paris, Ill., to visit relatives Tuesday afternoon, and came back on a Big Four work train which left Mattoon, Ill., about midnight, carrying about 300 workmen to the Indianapolis washout. The train passed through Terre Haute about 3 o'clock Wednesday morning, and Latshaw reports as he came through there was a large force of men kept busy at the Big Four bridge at the pumping station fighting to help protect it from the force of the waters.

Traction Lines Suspend.

Traction service on every line coming into Terre Haute is suspended. The Paris and Clinton lines are both under water in many places. About five miles of the track between Numa and Clinton has been washed out. Similar conditions are reported on the Indianapolis line and New Harmony is the farthest east the cars have been able to reach.

Clinton cars ran Tuesday night as far as Numa. Cars are running on schedule time between Terre Haute and Brazil. Power houses east of Harmony have been put out of commission. Officials of the traction company expect to clear up the results of the tornado damage to the wires on the Sullivan line and established service there in a short time.

Rescues Little Girl.

An unidentified man not seeking notoriety, rescued the twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Shepherd of West Linden street, Tuesday evening. The water was almost waist deep in the house and deeper than that on the outside. The man swam to the home and rescued the girl. Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd and a fourteen-year-old son were later taken out in a boat by G. W. Smith, Edward Morgan and Thomas Bales. The mother and son were perched high on top of the furniture when found. The family had not moved because they felt the water would not reach them.

Not until the water was three feet deep about their North Sixth street home did Mr. and Mrs. C. Allen, an aged couple, leave their residence. They were carried out by friends, after they had retired for the night, unaware of the breaking of the levee. Thomas Bayles, H. A. Clark, John Day and Frank Underwood rescued them to the home of a neighbor, Joseph Coston.

Five horses belonging to Joseph Coston, Sixth street and Maple avenue, found standing to their knees in water, were rescued. George Davis, grocery keeper in Maple avenue, after moving his stock to a place of safety during the afternoon in anticipation of the breaking of the levee, rendered a great deal of service in assisting other families and in turning in fire and police alarms.

In the haste of leaving many families forgot to extinguish their lamps and friends in boats made the rounds, putting them out to avoid danger of fire. In one home they found a lamp still burning although the table on which it was placed was floating about the room.

Levees Give Way.

With the waters of the Wabash rising steadily all day Tuesday the climax of the day was reached at 8 o'clock at night when the levee north of Maple avenue gave way. With a great roar the floods of water poured on Maywood Terrace and the district north of Maple avenue and west of Sixth street was devastated. Big houses were picked up and swept away and those which withstood the attack of the flood were immersed in half a dozen feet of water. The breaking of the north levee followed soon after the break of the Taylorville levee and almost before the citizens of the west bank of the river had time to get to safety, those in the north part of the city were fleeing for their lives. Platoons of police were immediately dispatched and big forces of men worked to prevent the Big Four bridge from going out.

The Taylorville levee began breaking at 8 o'clock and at 9:30 had been destroyed in three places, letting in a great flood of water. Practically every house had been deserted before the crest of the flood arrived. At 10 o'clock every building in the village was under water and the plant of the Valentine Packing company was being flooded. The saloons of George Albrecht and William Anderson were the last places to be deserted and the throng of women and children who had sought refuge in these buildings fled across the bridge to the Light House Mission.

Big Tramway Falls.

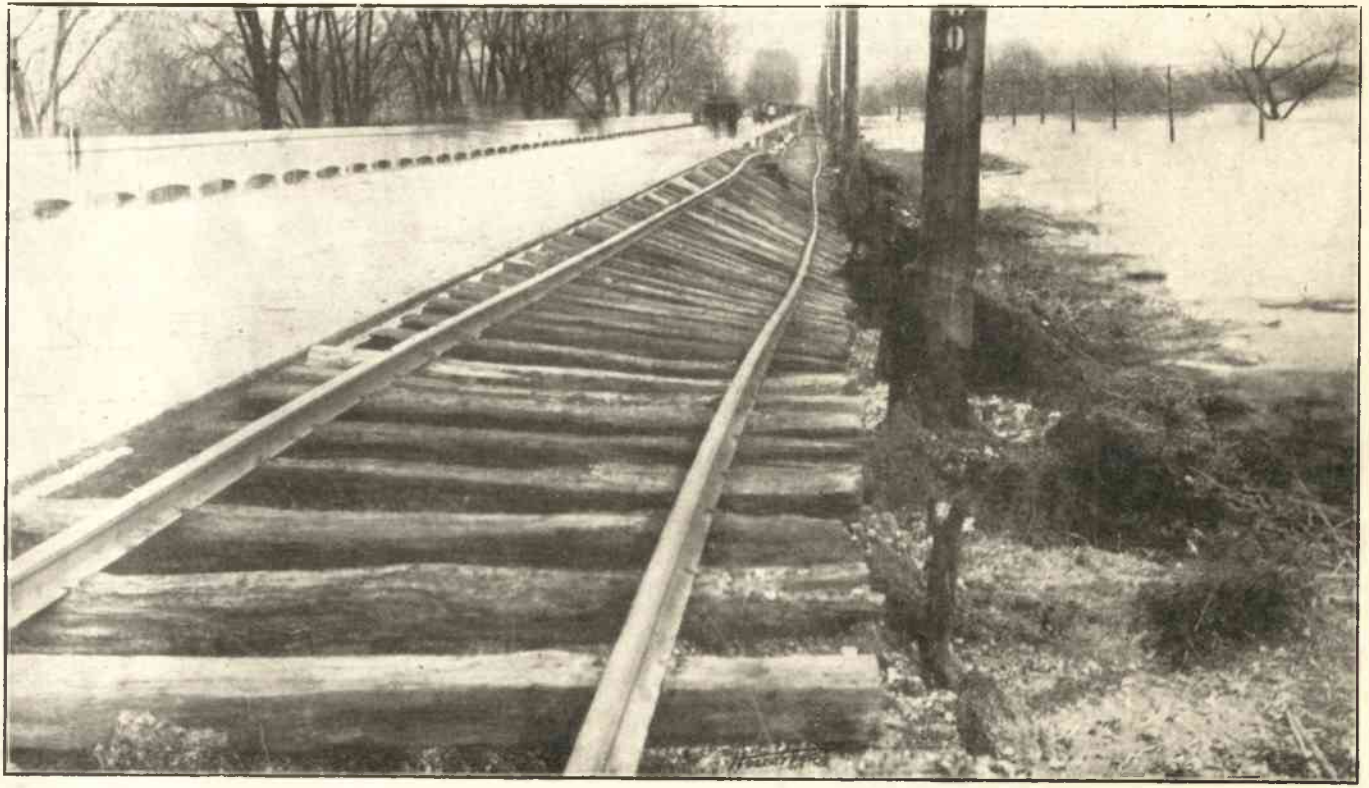
The big tramway at the plant of the Vigo Sand and Gravel company at the foot of Walnut street, constructed less than a year ago at a cost of $22,000, fell with a crash at about 9 o'clock and according to Carl Stahl, Jr., manager of the company, will be a total loss. A strip of ground sixty feet wide in front of the gas works was later swept away and the water began to dig its way under the engine room.

The slaughter house of the Terre Haute Abattoir company on the west side of the river was closed Tuesday night and all the products stored there were brought across the river and stored in Terre Haute. Every mine on the west side of the river, and the plants of the National Drain Tile company, the Vigo Clay company and the Terre Haute Vitrified Brick company were closed in the afternoon and the employes were laid off pending the subsiding of the flood. Ferguson Hill, a village one and one-half miles west of West Terre Haute, was soon cut off from the rest of the world. The St. Mary's road, leading from West Terre Haute across the Vandalia, is deep under water.

Early in the evening the residents of the Maywood district north of Maple avenue from Third to Sixth streets, anticipating the breaking of the levee, began moving from their homes. At 6 o'clock the water was nearing the top of the levee and was rising at the rate of four inches an hour. Ralph Conover and Mainard Kalen were in charge of the work of strengthening the levee and hundreds of tons of dirt and sand were used. It was soon found, however, that nothing could save the levee, and when it became dark they gave up and turned their attention to helping people escape from the threatened district.

Houses Float Away.

G. W. Smith, who lived at Third street and Maple avenue, while assisting in the work of relief among other victims, discovered that his own home had been flooded out, and while he watched, the house and barn were carried away. He fixed his loss at $900. A part of the Holiness church was washed away.



TRACTION LINE WASHOUT ALONG THE GRADE
WEST OF CITY

Many small houses soon left their foundations and were floating around in the whirling waters.

West Terre Haute was soon invaded by the rising waters. The floor of the Palace theatre, a moving picture house, was under water at 11 o'clock. The furniture store of the Ruddell Furniture and Undertaking company was thrown open to victims of the flood and many families spent the night in the building.

The Wabash avenue bridge is in no danger of being swept away, according to the members of the board of public works who went over the situation at noon Wednesday. Should the river rise four or five feet more there would be some doubt as to the safety of the bridge, but at the present time it is thought there is no danger of the massive span giving way.

The Big Four bridge is considered unsafe, but is not held to be in immediate danger. The Vandalia and Wabash avenue bridges would be in danger should the Big Four bridge go, but unless an unexpected rise occurs it is believed the trio of spans will withstand the rush of water.

At 9:30 o'clock the river had reached the stage of twenty-seven feet and eight inches. Between the river and the first crossing west, water was running over the Big Four railroad grade in five places.

O. M. Watts of the Big Four, Wednesday said that there appeared to be no immediate danger of the collapse of the railroad bridge. The road was hauling sacks of sand across the river on switch engines to be used to strengthen the grade.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1913.

The plant of the Citizens Gas and Fuel company was shut down shortly after 8 o'clock. Water was then three feet deep in the plant. Manager A. S. Cooke said that the reserve gas would not last more than seven hours for daylight use only.

The plant of the water works company was still in operation Thursday morning, and at the plant it was said that there was very little danger of the flood forcing the plant to shut down.

Manager Cooke of the Gas company stated that but one factory in the city, the Braden Manufacturing company, was using gas for fuel, but that practically every chop house and cafe in the city depended on the gas. None of the hotels will be hit by the closing down of the plant.

It was stated at the gas plant shortly before noon today that it was possible that the gas making machines would be under way by nightfall. An effort is being made to pump the water away from the machine, which will be connected with a Vandalia locomotive, and an effort will be made to start the machines. The Vandalia engine rolled down to the plant Thursday morning, and as soon as the water can be pumped away from the machines the connection will be made.

Prosecutor Werneke and Captain Stahl made a trip to Ferguson Hill Thursday afternoon to arrange to send food supplies to the people there. Werneke estimated that there were one thousand persons on Ferguson Hill cut off from all supplies.

Sheriff Denny Shea and Prosecutor Werneke Thursday commandeered some of the boats of George Baldwin at the Big Four bridge for relief work. Baldwin objected for a time and drew a revolver on the rescuing party. Sheriff Shea took the gun away from him and the boats were used to rescue the people on the west bank of the river.

Rev. Joseph Hoffman of West Terre Haute, was rescued from the parish school by boats this morning. Three wagon

loads of people were hauled in the boats from their homes south of the grade.

A party of men in West Terre Haute were preparing to dynamite the west end of the grade Thursday when they were advised not to by the county officials. They intended opening the grade, thus releasing the waters which have inundated all of the homes lying north of the grade. Some of the houses and stores in the heart of West Terre Haute are three feet under water.

The interurban car tracks west of West Terre Haute have been washed away for a great distance. At places on the west end of the grade the water was two and three feet deep Thursday afternoon.

With the announcement late Thursday afternoon that the power plant of the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction company, put out of commission earlier in the day by the Wabash river floods, would probably be able to resume operations late in the evening, the possibility that the city would be compelled to spend the night in utter darkness seemingly was removed. The power plant was compelled to shut down at 10 o'clock Thursday morning when, after a valiant fight against the waters, Manager Grover reached the conclusion that the fight was futile, and ordered the plant shut down. Two hours earlier the plant of the Citizen's Gas & Fuel company had been ordered closed on account of the flood. At that hour it was announced by Manager A. S. Cooke that only a few hours' supply of gas would be available.

At 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Merritt E. Ward, engineer of the traction company, said that the prospects were then good for the resumption of operations late in the evening.

"We are installing pumping machinery and hope to be able to resume the plant tonight. The only question is getting the water out of the plant. It is four and one-half feet deep. The water on the outside is not bothering us, if we can pump it from the inside."

Official word was given out by the Citizens' Gas Co., at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon that the entire supply of gas would be shut off at about 6 o'clock, and that there was little hope of getting started before morning. Whether or not they can operate all Friday depends, it was stated, on the action of the river.

As early as 9 o'clock preparations had been made for closing down the plant of the traction company. Shortly after that hour all street cars were ordered to the barns, the company feeling that the climax was at hand. At 10 o'clock the water was too deep in the basement of the plant to allow of operations, and was within three inches of the windows. This rise would have caused the entire first floor to be flooded. At this hour, however, the water ceased to rise and from this hour on the water stood for hours at thirty-one and three-tenths feet.

West Terre Haute Inundated.

Fully three-quarters of West Terre Haute is under water. At 10:30 o'clock Marshal Morgan reported that there was eighteen inches of water in Cassady's drug store. He estimated that 4,000 person were homeless in West Terre Haute, and said that 1,000 more are in danger of being swept away should the river rise much higher.

All morning the steady rush of the water washed away the grade of the Vandalia railroad west of the river. For a distance of nearly a mile the grade was eaten out by the water, and before noon the tracks on the grade gave way. For almost a like distance the road bed of the Big Four railroad west of the river is under water.

VIEW OF THE HIGH WATER
IN MAYWOOD TERRACE

Blazing in the midst of the raging flood of the Wabash river, Fort Heyden, located just across the river bridge, burned to the ground early Thursday morning. Two fires wiped out the structure, as the river rose steadily until it passed over the Macksville grade. Fire was first discovered in the building which was occupied by a saloon conducted by "Lukie" Fogle, at 5 o'clock in the morning, and a fire company was called. The blaze was extinguished in two rooms and appeared to be out. An hour later fire broke out again and the building was leveled by the flames. At this hour the muddy water of the Wabash is flowing over the ruins.

Two firemen had narrow escapes from being washed away in the flood while they fought the flames knee deep in water. Frank Easter and Danny Welsh, firemen from the No. Four's house, were at work when their footing gave way and they were caught in the swift current. They were whisked thirty-five feet before they were able to secure a footing and save themselves.

Water Over Grade.

The water flowed over the Macksville grade at 7 o'clock Thursday morning in a swift current. On the south side of the grade the water was but a few inches below the grade level, while over the grade it swept along about six inches deep, growing deeper toward West Terre Haute. The Wabash bridge, condemned Wednesday afternoon by the commissioners, was being used by many pedestrians Thursday morning, but street car traffic across the structure had been discontinued. The telephone lines and cables across the river were well under water, but the service up to 7 o'clock had not been impaired.

The plant of the Valentine Packing company was flooded. The water was deep in the lower part of the plant. Much concern was felt for the safety of the Big Four and Vandalia bridges. The greatest concern was felt for the former, for it was believed that unless the former goes out the latter will be safe. The east span of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois bridge at Clinton was swept away shortly after 9 o'clock Wednesday night, and the Hillsdale wagon bridge also went with the current.

Appeal for Boats.

Stricken West Terre Haute early sent an appeal for boats to aid in moving residents from homes surrounded by water. The police station here was kept busy answering calls of this nature and to all had to reply that boats were not available on this side.

At 3 o'clock at the traction power house it was said there was grave doubt as to the chances of holding out much longer against the flood. A six-foot sand wall has been built on the north side of the plant. On the inside of this wall the water is two feet lower than in the river proper. It was said that should the water go over this sand wall the plant would be unable to cope further with the floods.

Manager T. F. Grover of the traction company was on the scene of the power house before 8 o'clock. At that hour, and after looking over the situation, Mr. Grover said he had serious doubts as to the ability of the plant to hold out during the day. At that hour the water was rushing into the basement. Manager Grover took personal charge of directing the big force of men on duty in the fight against the flood.

"This is the only power plant of its size in the state that has been able to hold out this long against the floods," said Mr. Grover. "We have about reached our limit and with the water still rising I seriously doubt whether we will be able to hold out throughout the day."

At 8 o'clock the water had risen another inch and stood at thirty-one feet and two inches.

At 8 o'clock Thursday morning water was rushing over the Vandalia railroad tracks north of West Terre Haute. Two hundred feet of the track and grade had gone. Water was standing two feet deep all along Paris avenue, the main business street of the city, and all stores along the avenue were flooded to the depth of at least one foot. A house on Market street, in the west section of the town, had floated off its foundation, out of the yard into the street. People were flocking to the hills west of West Terre Haute along the railroad tracks, and those who were staying were crowding into the second and third stories of buildings. At that time there were only about 600 or 700 people left in the city.

At the Merchant's distillery 600 head of cattle were removed from the pens Thursday morning. They were standing deep in water. There are still 900 head more to be removed. Thursday morning they were standing in fifteen inches of water.

Trains Still Waiting.

Railroad passengers are getting a good opportunity of viewing Terre Haute while the through trains are parked in Terre Haute. The Knickerbocker express on the Big Four was held here until further orders. The train, which attempted to reach Indianapolis, was turned around and returned to this city. Passengers were occupying the coaches and sleepers, while a number are sleeping in the hotels. A train was sent to Mt. Jackson, about five miles from Indianapolis, but could not proceed further because of flood conditions.

The New York and Boston express which arrived over the Big Four and was due out at 1:15 o'clock in the afternoon, is also being held here. The train had gone as far as Mt. Jackson, but had to back into Terre Haute to secure food for the passengers.

The Vandalia managed to get four trains out Wednesday, although none were running on schedule time. Two were sent over the Wabash bridge late in the afternoon. They were sent to Effingham, Ill. The other two were local trains to St. Louis. Trains were made up to go to Indianapolis but were unable to get closer than within three miles of the city. None of the regular through trains of the company are being held in Terre Haute.

Stage of the Wabash Thursday.

Midnight	30.02
1 a. m.	30.05
2 a. m.	30.07
3 a m.	30.09
4 a. m.	30.11
5 a. m.	30.11¾
6 a. m.	31.00½
7 a. m.	31.00½
8 a. m.	31.02
9 a. m.	31.02
10 a. m.	31.03
11 a. m.	31.03
12 noon	31.03
1 p. m.	31.03
2 p. m.	31.03
3 p. m.	31.03
4 p. m.	31.03
5 p. m.	31.03

VIEW OF THE HIGH WATERS AT SIXTH AND ONE-HALF
AND LINDEN STREETS

A train of supplies was sent by the Vandalia Wednesday to the men working on the tracks near Indianapolis. Commissary cars and hastily prepared lunch cars were sent.

Large slides of dirt on the east bank of the river between Wabash avenue and Ohio street fell into the water early Thursday, caused by an undercurrent cutting it away, and the police put up ropes to keep the crowd back fifty or more feet from the edge.

At noon water was seeping slowly into the pit at the Sparks mill, and this caused fear that the entire bank would be undermined and give way, as it is all filled ground.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1913.

The fall of the river up to noon had caused but little change in the flooded districts. The northwest part of the city, north of the National road was deep under water. Fully 500 feet of the road was under water. South of the National Road there are 300 houses surrounded by water, and fully 150 submerged. In the surrounded houses there are many citizens who preferred to stick to their homes rather than join the rescued. Many of them are practically without food, although provisions are being furnished them by individual citizens who are sending supplies to the needy in motor and row boats. Business houses west of Third street are under water and in Third street the water is fifteen feet deep in places. Through Main street a stream of water several inches deep is running, but the business houses are but comparatively slightly damaged.

Churches House Victims.

Thirty persons are housed in St. Leonard's Catholic church. Several boat loads of supplies have been sent to them. The church is surrounded and boats are being used to reach them with foodstuffs. At the Congregational church about fifty persons are housed. The pastor, Rev. William Rogers and his wife, both are ill, and are being cared for in the upper part of the church. This church also is surrounded by six feet of water and the basement is flooded. Mrs. William Kennedy and her three-day-old baby are among those housed at the church, being rescued from their home when the flood appeared about to carry it away. The food supply is running short at the church and efforts were made to increase it during the day.

Jake Farr, an aged citizen, refused to leave his home on Third street when the rescuers arrived Thursday evening. Friday morning, with the water in his home several feet deep, he was willing to be carried away with the rest of the flood victims. S. W. Johnson is in charge of the work at the Congregational church.

Workmen began Friday to sink huge pilings along the right of way of the Big Four tracks on the west side of the river. Fully two hundred feet of the grade has been washed away.

The report that all of West Terre Haute was under water was branded as false by Postmaster Sandford, of Paris avenue, Friday morning. He said that there are still sixty acres of dry land in that city and that the report that the people in West Terre Haute are starving is greatly exaggerated. According to him the grocery stores of West Terre Haute remained open all night and that any one so desiring could enter the stores and secure what food they wanted, free of charge.

Famine is Felt.

Famine is a fact on Whitcomb Heights and Ferguson Hill, where two hundred people are marooned. One hundred and fifty families in West Terre Haute were marooned in their homes, surrounded by water and without food Friday morning. Those driven from their homes, who are sheltered in the churches, had only sufficient food to last through Friday.

Temporary relief came Friday morning when the Miller-Parrott company sent a van load of bread across the Macksville grade. The McIlroy grocery at West Terre Haute was thrown open to all hungry people, and groceries were to be had from other citizens who donated money, but the boat delivery made the relief slow. Deputy Sheriff Peter Feiler, in charge of the situation, prepared to relieve the famine on the two hills.

The Sugar Valley Coal company turned two car loads of coal into the relief supply.

Extortion Blocked.

Informed that charges were being made by boatmen for carrying people from homes, and saving their effects in West Terre Haute, Sheriff Dennis Shea ordered all boats in the town made a part of the relief fleet, and announced that punishment would be swift for those detected in extortion.

The stork is hovering over the Congregational church, and a boat is specially assigned with oarsman ready to hurry for the doctor when the bird alights. Mrs. William Rogers, wife of the minister, is ill. The church where the family is sheltered has six feet of water flowing through the basement.

Two Hundred Are Rescued.

Two hundred persons were taken from flooded homes in the western part of West Terre Haute, Thursday afternoon and night, by Sheriff Dennis Shea, his staff of regular deputies and a score of extra deputies and volunteers. A fleet of row boats, manned by rubber-booted men, plied the flooded streets, taking all who cared to leave their homes to Main street, where a train of moving vans donated for the service by the Kersey Livery company, carried them through the foot-deep water over the Macksville grade to Terre Haute. Little difficulty was experienced in getting the people out of their houses. Many whose homes were on high ground, surrounded by water, chose to remain in the houses over night. The fall of the river left them safe Friday morning.

Samuel Richards, a little boy residing in Whitcomb Heights, slipped into the water at the foot of the Heights late Thursday night. His body was recovered.

On a report that fourteen families are in dire distress at Fletcher's Landing, fourteen miles south of the city, the county commissioners Friday loaded the big gasoline boat Winner with a cargo of groceries and supplies and started it down the river. The message said that the homes of the fourteen families are entirely surrounded by water and that the lives of the people are imperiled. All of the live stock has perished and the farm implements and property are floating out into the river on a strong current.

A rescue party composed of Albert Catlin, Elmer Levering and Harry Johnson started for Prairieton in Levering's boat shortly after 9 o'clock to investigate reports that a number of persons were marooned there and in danger of being swept away.

WATER RUSHING OVER THE WEST TERRE HAUTE PAVEMENT
IMMEDIATELY WEST OF WABASH BRIDGE

Word reached the city that many families were marooned and that the food supply had about run out. Among the residents of that territory are Thomas Lee, James Robertson, Chauncey Flesher, James Hall, William Figg and many others. It was reported that a motorboat distress whistle had been blowing continually for several days.

Believe Crisis Past.

With the river falling slowly but steadily, and the various plants that have been effected by the flood, doing their best to meet the demands made upon them, officials of these establishments feel that the crisis has passed.

At the plant of the Terre Haute Water Works operations have not been suspended at all, and there is no indication that they will. Only one set of machinery was put out of commission at that place, and it was used in one of the preliminary processes. An ample supply of water has been furnished at all times, but it has not been quite up to standard. The main pumps are in good condition and full fire pressure can be furnished as usual. There is a little over ten feet of water in the basement of the building. According to W. E. Taylor, chief engineer of the plant, the pumps are gaining on the overflow and the situation is fully under control.

Situation Improving.

At the power plant of the Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Eastern Traction company the situation is improving and the pumps are forcing the water from the building, through the windows in the south wall, in five large streams. The building is still surrounded by water on three sides. James Bivin, the engineer in charge of the plant, said Friday that they were pulling everything that was in shape to run. The high tension wires running south and west from the city and the wiring on the south side are out of commission and could not be used even if there was no water at the plant. Everything else is being taken care of.

In order to save the building the traction company was forced to build walls, made up of bags of sand, both north and south from the outside corners of the plant. These extend quite a distance through several feet of water and then swing in toward the bank. These outside walls are reinforced by similar walls directly against the outside of the building and this is in turn reinforced by a wall of solid brick that has been built inside the plant itself.

At the Citizen's Gas and Fuel company the conditions were bad, as the water gained entrance to the boiler rooms and the drainage wells were under water and could not relieve the situation. At noon Friday, A. S. Cooke, general manager of the company, said that a fall of one more foot would allow the plant to resume operation, and that he expected to be producing gas by evening, but as the reservoir and the large mains were empty it would probably be early Saturday morning before service could be given to the city. The fires actually used to produce the gas have not been extinguished, and as soon as the boilers are in the clear the the plant will start running as usual.

River Begins Falling.

After being practically stationary from 10 o'clock in the morning until midnight, the river began falling Thursday night, continuing to drop at the rate of half an inch an hour until 6 o'clock Friday morning, when the first report received from the water works pumping station was that the stage then stood at thirty feet, ten and one-half inches.

The city spent the first half of the night in utter dark-

ness. With the shutting down of the power plant of the traction company and the Citizen's Gas and Fuel company residents of the city were forced to turn to gasoline and ordinary kerosene lamps as night fell, the small reserve supply of gas failing at about 8 o'clock. Many business houses used oil lamps and even candles. Many manufacturing plants were compelled to close with the shutting down of the traction power plant, and hundreds of employes took an enforced half day's vacation.

Havoc to Homes Complete.

From the foot of Maple avenue one can see over the little settlement a wide expanse of water, the once beautfiul driveways far underneath the muddy waters.

More than two score houses are in sight, more or less surrounded by the waters. While a few on comparatively high ground will escape with little damage, the havoc is complete with the majority. Rows of homes stand in the middle of the pond with the waves lapping against the upper gables. Most of the sheds and barns are out of sight. Here and there a small patch of driftwood lodged against an obstruction marks the location of a former dwelling house. At least two or three of the houses seem to have been washed from their foundation and are standing in the midst of their companions in tipsy styles. The trees rear their heads above the waters and the row of telephone poles appear above the yellow surface like a line of fence posts.

At the church the clothing was distributed as fast as received. Mothers appeared seeking aid and left with their arms piled full of underwear, little dresses, shirts and other clothing for their children who had been forced to flee the oncoming waters without an opportunity to save anything from the homes.

THE WABASH SOUTH.

Levees Which Have Stood Floods of Past Are Out This Time.

The Tribune was enabled to cover the Wabash river situation south Friday and reports from every section are that the flood is the worst ever known. The Brevoort levee twelve miles south, which has withstood the floods for forty years and which came through the floods of 1875, 1883 and 1897 is gone and thousands of acres in that section are under water. The levee at Hutsonville which had never broken before is out and a great section of country there is flooded. The levees along the Embarass river in southern Illinois are all out.

At Mt. Carmel the gauge Friday showed 24.8. The highest record ever known there was in 1875, when it reached 27.6. The levees north of Mt. Carmel are broken and it is estimated that two hundred thousand acres of farm lands are under water there.

The observer at Mt. Carmel stated that the Wabash there would have reached thirty feet but for the fact that enormous volumes of water went through the crumbling levees and was diverted from the channel of the river. It was stated that every large levee between Terre Haute and Mt. Carmel is broken. Many are entirely washed out.

Joyful news to relatives in Terre Haute, was delivered late Friday night, when the "Winner" nosed to a landing, after a fifty mile trip down the river to rescue farmers reported in danger on the west side of the river, south of "Blue Hole."

"All safe, no one drowned," was the word. Sixteen refugees were brought to Terre Haute on the Winner from the flooded district. Fifty others were reached by the boat, where

VIEW OF THE HIGH WATER IN WEST TERRE HAUTE SHOWING
DAMAGE DONE TO VANDALIA RAILROAD

VIEW OF WABASH RIVER AT HIGHEST STAGE, DIRECTLY NORTH
OF RAILROAD BRIDGES

houses on high points are entirely surrounded by water. Since the crisis of the flood was believed to be past, these people decided to remain in their homes.

The families of James Robertson and Chauncey Flesher were found at the surrounded homes of Robert Norman, Thomas Lee and Mrs. J. W. Stouts. The levee had given away a short distance below the Flesher home, before the family took to boats, and they narrowly escaped drowning on their way to safety. Back water carried sand around the house which is practically buried, it is believed.

The mother of Circuit Court Baliff Harlow Jones was one of the sixteen to return to Terre Haute on the "Winner." Jones accommpanied the boat down to direct the rescue work, believing his family was in danger. The Jones family was found safe, at the home of a neighbor.

Mr. and Mrs. "Bud" Shewmaker and Edward Lefler, reported to have been drowned, were found by the rescue boat party, safe in a house boat. They reported that their escape had been by a narrow margin, when their houses collapsed under the flood. The seeming impossibility of their escape from the houses gave rise to the report, received by the police and rivermen, that they had lost their lives.

Mrs. Eliza Jones, Mrs. Ben Flesher, Chauncey Flesher, Mrs. Flesher and four children, and Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler and three children, and guests of the Fleshers, composed the party brought to Terre Haute on the "Winner."

People living south of the break in the west levee were saved by a motor boat, driven by Mr. Price, a farmer. When the levee broke Tom Lee fired a shotgun and waved a sheet from the roof of his home, attracting Price's attention, and the boat went to the rescue.

The one boat carried sixty people to the houses on high ground. Before he left his home Chauncey Flesher carried his pigs to the attic of the house, where they survived the flood.

Clifford Allen used block and tackle to lift his cows and horses to the top crib of his barn, where they were saved.

Stock in the barns of Robertson and Flesher was washed out by the flood. Motorboats on the Illinois side of the flood were pressed into service, and George Helman received word from his son Fred Helman, Saturday morning, that practically all of the supposed drowned stock has been lassoed from boats in the back water and saved.

Valley Chapel, one of the most beautiful churches in the county, was undermined and leveled by the flood. The home of Mrs. Eliza Jones was wrecked.

Row boats were used where the motor boats could not go among the trees in rescuing stock and people near the break.

James Robertson paid twenty-five dollars to the men in the boats for cutting his stock loose from the stalls in the barn before it was carried away.

CONDITIONS AT CLINTON.

Sunday, March 30, 1913.

With telegraph and telephone wires down, the railroad bridge washed away and the traction line under water, Clinton today is completely shut off from the outside world since Tuesday. By defying the threatening waters and riding over the waves for three miles the agents have managed to get a few city papers into the town, but the residents have learned comparatively little of what the floods were doing in other parts of the world.

A large portion of the town is under water and a corresponding portion of the populace is being housed in the school

houses and churches. Relief and rescue committees worked heroically and by beginning in time have been able to cope with the situation and thus the flood reaches its height without any loss of life or great amount of suffering.

Early Wednesday afternoon, when the rising waters had hid the nails which marked the reach of the water during the flood of 1875, the structures spanning the river began to tremble. Old houses which had stood for years along the east bank left their foundation and floated away. The waters crept into the homes along Water street and occupants loaded their chattels into wagons and wheelbarrows and took to the highlands.

At about 8:15 o'clock there was a crashing of steel and splash, and the huge railroad bridge was hurled beneath the waters. The tracks of the traction company from the bridge to the trestle were picked up and twisted as wires, while watchers expected to see the new wagon bridge yield to the force of the water at any moment.

South of the bridge and encircling almost the entire city the overflow had formed a lake ranging from 100 yards to a half mile. This sheet of water was studded with half submerged homes. Foot bridges were being picked up and twisted like straws.

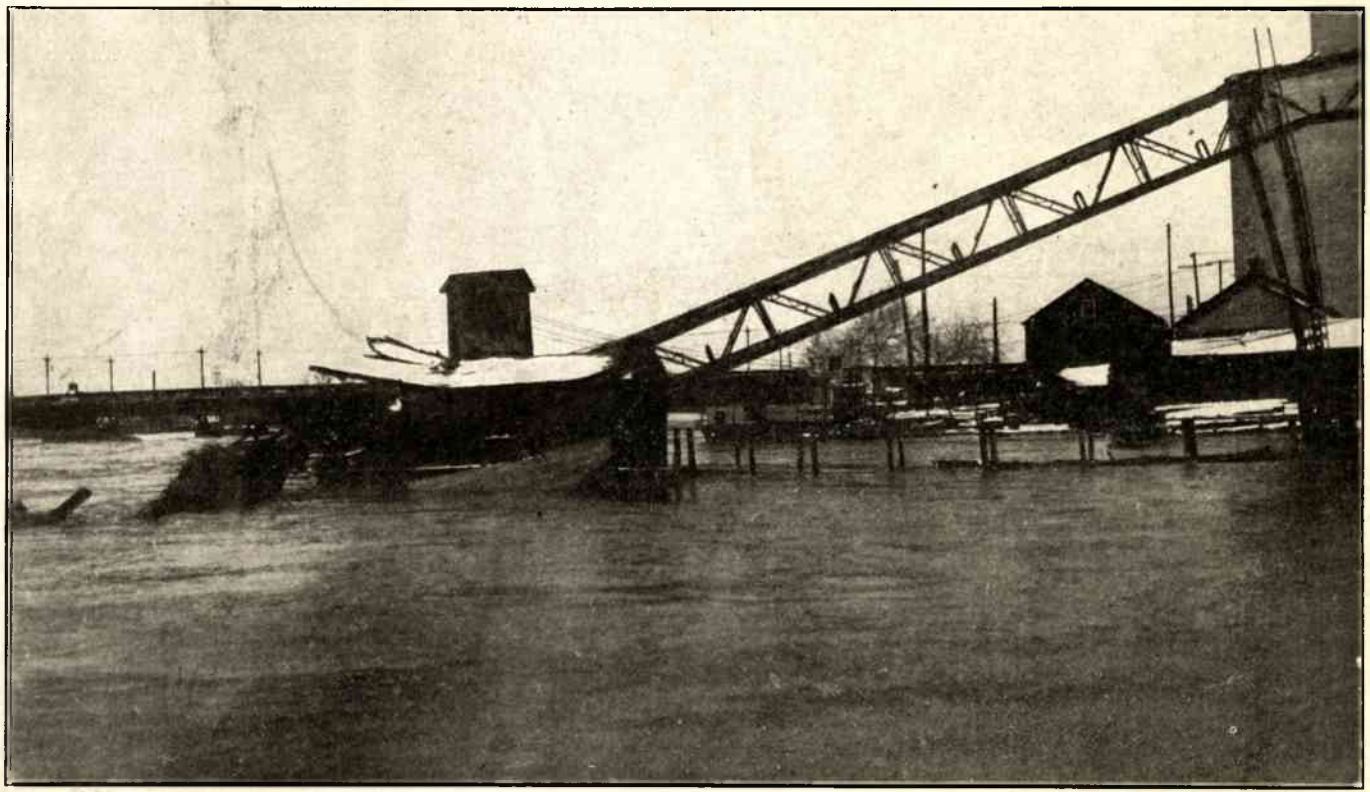
The relief and rescue committees were working with a zeal born of desperation, all fearful that loss of life could not be averted. But when the morning dawned it was found that all had been removed to places of safety, and so far as is known at this time, there is not a missing one.

The first mail came to Clinton, Friday, when Postmaster John Stark chartered a motor boat and with a sack of letters started across the back water to Numa. There he took the car for Terre Haute. Returning, he brought a consignment of letters for Clinton, and this was the first mail following the flood.

Just now the only way of getting out of Clinton is to risk life in a motor boat to Numa, but this is a hazard that but comparatively few of the residents desire to assume.

THE WORK OF RELIEF

Almost before the roar of the tornado ceased and the flood had begun its work of destruction, the citizens of Terre Haute began to create a fund for the benefit of those who unfortunately had lost their homes or were in need, and at the time this book goes to press over $25,000.00 has been contributed for this purpose.



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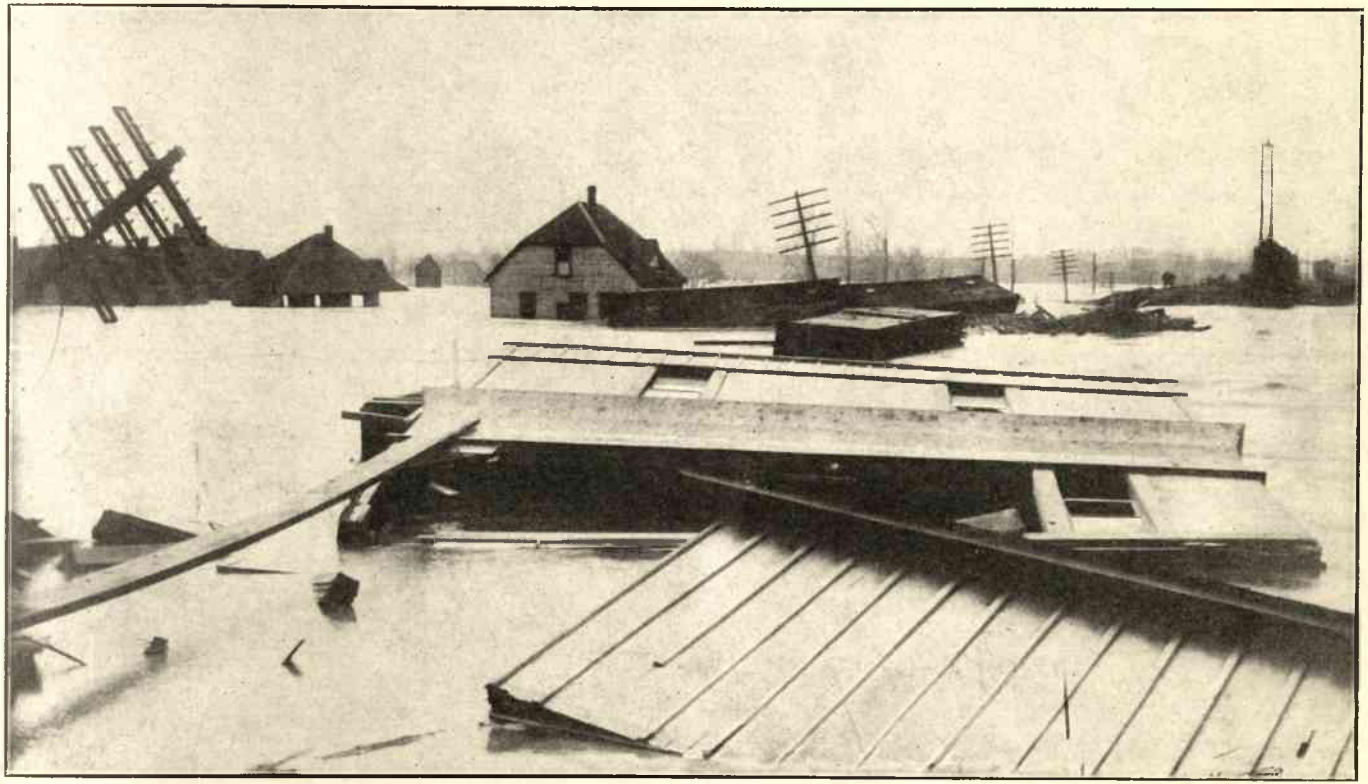
VIEW OF FLOOD ALONG RIVER FRONT SHOWING TAYLORVILLE ACROSS RIVER
AND PLANT OF GAS COMPANY AT LEFT



WASHOUT ON VANDALIA RAILROAD
WEST TERRE HAUTE

LOOKING WEST FROM SIXTH-AND-ONE-HALF
AND LINDEN STREETS

VIEW LOOKING WEST ON NATIONAL AVENUE
WEST TERRE HAUTE